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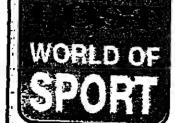


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### IDF to PA: Do more to have closure eased

ARIEH O'SULLIYAN

MAJ.-GEN. Oren Shahor, the government coordinator in the territories, complained to the Palestinian Authority in Gaza yesterday that it is not following through with agreed upon steps that would help ease the closure.

Specifically, PA officials seemingly ignored Israeli approval for reactivating a loading station at the Erez crossing which would allow raw materials, such as gravel and cement, in to supply Gaza's crippled construction industry, said Shlomo Dror, Sbahor's spokesman.

They also did not follow through with agreements to improve security arrangements at the Karni crossing, such as erecting fences, increasing guards, and more easily checked sizes, Dror

. The Dizengoff suicide bomber succeeded in slipping through the crossing and, nuder the strict security restrictions now in place, less than 40 trucks a day have been able to use it, Dror noted.

He said Shahor has repeatedly stressed to the Palestinians that Israel wants to ease the closure as much as possible, without compromising its security. "But we feel that the PA is not ready to advance steps to ease the closure," Dror said.

Meanwhile, IDF officers told their Palestinian counterparts that the closure would not be eased unless they get serious in the war against Islamic militants.

For the first time in four weeks, too IDF commanders in Judea and Samaria held a meeting with Gen. Haj Ismail Jaber, the bead of the West Bank (Continued on Page 2)

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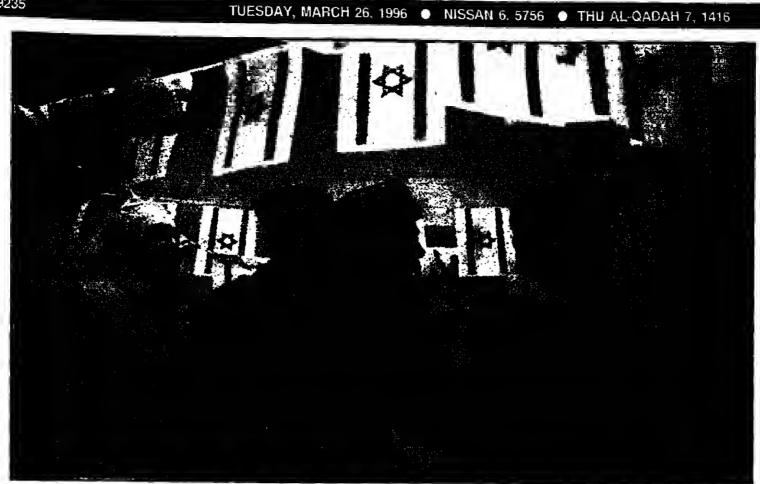


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Labor Party members line up in Jerusalem to vote during yesterday's primaries.

# Netanyahu: Vote for entire party leadership

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday exhorted party members to vote for "the entire Likud leadership and ignore all deals and preferred lists" in today's prima-

Netanyahu thereby unequivocally dissoci-ated himself from lists said to be circulating in the party branches from which various key figures are conspicuously absent. On one such list, MKs Dan Meridor and Ariel Sharon were not included; on another MK Ze'ev Binyamin

Netanyahu, said his aides, knows nothing about the lists and is not even sure they exist. Many of the reports, they maintained, originate in malicious rumor-mongering, especially among the activists in the regional races. Some rumors ascribe the lists to Netanyahu himself or to his aides, claiming that be is seeking to block Meridor, Sharon, and Begin.

Sharon said he "will look into the reports, but I am not sure they are true. I think it's illogical that anyone would do such a thing.'

Netanyahu argued that "it is unt possible to fix the votes of tens of thousands of party members. This is not a small gathering."
He called on the voters "specifically to

include all the names reportedly excluded from the lists. Vote for Sbaron and Meridor and Begin. We need the best team. I want to see the entire party leadership lead the next list. The members must remember that they are voting for the best team possible and must put aside all other considerations. Don't let anyone influence your vote and dictate lists. Let only your good judgment be your

As the final preparations were being made to open the poling stations at 7 a.m. today, the main worry was about the computers, as the Likud will be introducing computerized voting for the first time in the country's history. A computer malfunction could wreak havoc and delay the publication of results, scheduled for two bours after the polls close at 10

There will be 572 computer terminals in 80 polling stations around the country. The 170,000 eligible voters will be asked only to touch the names they prefer on the screen. They will have to pick 20 of the 73 candidates in the nationwide race and will also have to choose one candidate from the region in which they reside. In all, 45 candidates are running in the regional races.

Two-thirds of the Knesset candidates will be chosen from the nationwide races, against 50 percent in Labor. The Likud contest is even more grueling because of the 14 slots lost to Tsomet and Gesher candidates,

Another worry was continued stormy weather, which could result in a lower-thananticipated turnout, especially as the Likud has less polling stations than Labor, meaning that in many cases the voters will have to travel further to reach them,

# TV polls show Barak, Baram heading list

MICHAL YUDELMAN

TELEVISION polls right after Labor's primary voting showed Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and Tourism Minister Uzi Baram gaining the most votes, with Interior Minister Haim Ramon finishing third.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who did not have to run in the primaries, has first place on the party's Knesset list. The seventh slot is reserved for party secretarygeneral Nissim Zvilli.

Barak was first in Channel 1's poll, with Baram a very close second, followed by Ramon, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Ori Orr, Shevah Weiss, Yossi Beilin, Avraham Shohat, David Liba'i, Efraim Sneh, Dalia Itzik, Ora Namir, Moshe Shahal, Shlomo Ben-Ami, Haggai Merom, Yael Dayan, Shimon Shetreet, and Ya'acov

Baram was first on Channel 2's poll, with Barak close behind, followed by Ramon, Ben-Eliezer, Beilin, Shohat, Orr, Weiss, Sneh, Liba'i, Itzik, Merom, Namir, Shahal, Shetreet, Ben-Ami, Eli Dayan, Terner, Yael Dayan, and Micha Harish as No. 20, which will be slot 47 or 48 on the final list.

Suspense peaked in Tel Aviv's Fair Grounds last night with the release of both channels' polls, which are considered a fairly accurate indication of the actual re-

sults, expected only this morning. The difference among the first five in each poll was minute, and the order of the leading candidates could change in the actual

Barak and Baram are clearly the big winners. Orr's success ensures his cabinet seat, as did (probably) Itzik's, who beat Namir in last night's polls, while Bei-lin established his place in Labor's most senior leadership.

Ramon's fears of revenge from the voters, following his abandoning Labor to run for the Histadrut chairmanship on his own list, were proven groundless and he won an extremely high slot after Barak and Baram.

The most impressive breakthrough was achieved hy Ben-Ami, a new face who the polls had predicted would not make it Prime Minister Sbimon Peres dearly wanted to see him in the Knesset and made last-minute efforts to persuade people to vote

The losers are Harish and Shetreet, who may find themselves in unrealistic slots. Even if they make it into the Knesset, they likely will lose their cabinet seats, should Labor win. Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan may also

Other MKs who did not make it to realistic Knesset places are Ya'acov Sheffi, Yoram Lass, Eli Ben-Menahem, Yossi Vanunu, (Continued on Page 2)

### New Meretz list Israel sign science

MERETZ yesterday presented its new list of Knesset candidates,

pact DAVID MAKOVSKY ISRAEL and the Enropean The first 12 on the list are Union yesterday signed a scientific cooperation agreement in

Brussels. Under its terms, scientists from both sides will be able to work together in technologyoriented research programs. Israel is the first non-European country to be associated with EU research programs, which also

gives it access to European private industry. Israeli scientisis will also be eligible to receive financial support from the EU. Nuclear cooperation, and apparently other forms of military cooperation, are excluded. Furthermore, Israel will be

able to participate as an observer in EU meetings, known as the Fourth Research and Technical Development Framework Program, which decides bow EU funds for research are to be allocated. To participate, Israel will contribute approximately NIS 120 million a year, EU officials said.

The signing of the agreement is considered a major achievement - critics say the only one - in the npgraded the EU-Israel free trade agreement signed last fall. That agreement, the product of years of negotiations, is not expected to significantly diminish the mammoth \$7.4 billion trade deficit with the EU.

Edith Cresson, European Commissioner for research, and Italian Research Minister Giorgio Salvini signed on behalf of the EU, while Ambassador to the EU Ephraim Halevy signed on behalf of Israel.

"This agreement will allow European scientists to work in close cooperation with top-level scientists in many of the advanced sectors in which Israel has a leading position, and Israeli scientists to extend their cooperation with all European countries, with economic and industrial implications," Cresson said.

"The agreement represents a further deepening of Israel's relations with the Enropean Community and a recognition of its high level of research." Israel's EU mission said in a statement.

shows no surprises

MICHAL YUDELMAN

which looked much like its last one, without Communications Minister Sbulamit Aloni and Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, who have retired from politics.

Chairman Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement); Haim Oron (Mapam); Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui); Ran Cohen (CRM): Dedi Zucker (CRM); Anat Maor (Mapam); Avraham Poraz (Shinui); Naomi Hazan (CRM); Walid Sadek (Mapam); Benny Temkin (CRM); Zehava Galon (CRM); and Hanan Erez (Manam).

A tired but satisfied Sarid, who had spent all Sunday night at Ramat Efal where the ballots were counted, beld a press conference to present the new list less than an bour after the final results were in.

He noted that both women in the first 10, Anat Maor and Naomi Hazan, did not have to be upgraded, according to Meretz's affirmative action requirements, hut won the No. 6 and No. 8 slots on their own. Walid Sadek was the only one who was upgraded, to ensure an Arab candidate in

the top 10. Sarid dismissed the pessimistic surveys predicting a 50% drop in Meretz's representation in the next Knesset, insisting Meretz will preserve its present 12 seats.

"I don't know why everyone is obsessed by the surveys, particularly the worst ones. I haven't heard anyone quote the surveys giving us seven or eight mandates," he said.

Sarid said the main issue is not who will be prime minister, but what kind of government Prime Minister Shimon Peres finds himself in half an hour after

he is elected. "There is a clear-cut choice be-

tween Peres in a coalition with the National Religious Party, the haredi parties and Tsomet's Rafael Eitan, probably followed by David Levy, and Peres and Meretz," he said. Anyone who voted for Meretz

in 1992 and does not want the peace process to end will realize that he or she has no choice but to vote for Meretz again, Sarid said.

Sarid explained Meretz's drop in the polls as deriving fist from the assassination of Yitzhak Rahin, noting that "it's only natural and human, after a trauma like that, that many would gather under the wings of the larger party, which was headed by Rabin."

Moreover, he continued, the direct election of the prime minister, in force for the first time this election, focuses attention on the two candidates, Peres and Binyamin Netanyahu, "and people tend to identify the leader with the party. People haven't yet realized they can vote for Peres for prime minister, and for Meretz as a party. We can overcome that with an information campaign."

Sarid added that Meretz had achieved more of its platform, in peace and human rights issues. women's rights, fighting religious coercion, and other areas, than any other party.
"It is unthinkable that a party

which fulfilled so many of its commitments to its voters should be punished for it, rather than rewarded," he said.

Asked about the lack of new faces in Meretz's top 10, Sarid retorted that there are two new candidates in Nos. 11 and 12, which we consider realistic. If you and the surveys don't, that's your problem."

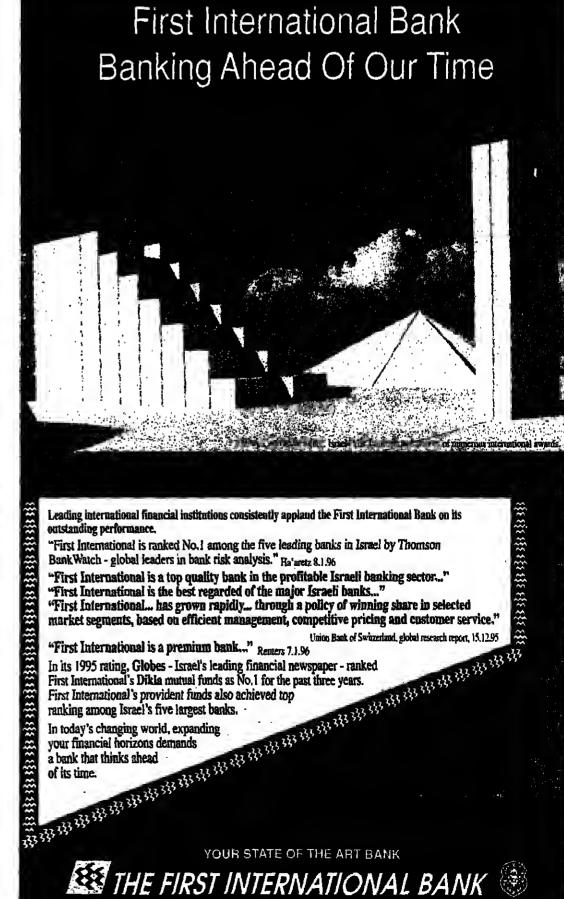
Doing the sensible thing, Page 2

### EU to reopen 'mad cow' debate

LONDON (Reuter) - British Prime Minister John Major yesterday convinced European Commission chief Jacques Sanier to reconvene a meeting of officials which had earlier recommended the European

Union ban all exports of British beef. A spokesman said an angry Major had told Santer he wanted to send top expens to Brussels to explain why British beef was safe to eat despite a scare over links between "mad cow" disease and its fatal human equivalent. Santer later called back and agreed to reconvene

the meeting, the spokesman said. The two men agreed that the meeting - which voted 14-1 to slap an immediate ban on all British heef exports - would reconvene inday. Full report. Page 5



THE National Religious Party has placed a secular activist on its central campaign staff, an expression of its stepped up attempts to attract secular voters.

Boaz Dromi, of Kiryat Tivon, a former member of Tsomet's central committee, has been made responsible for drawing up literature aimed at what he termed "secular ideologues" who are potential NRP voters.

"For many people the Likud is too large and non-ideological," Dromi said. "The NRP is an ideological party, and has deeds to match its declarations. You don't have to be religious to respect Bnei Akiva, the settlements, and the values of the NRP education."

Dromi said that three of the eight Knesset seats Tsomet won in the last election could conceivably go to the NRP.

NRP spokesman Yitzhak Rath said party strategists helieve there is a real possibility of gaining at least one Knesset seat from secular voters who identify with the NRP's values.

A group of some 100 secular activists met in Tel Aviv recently

to chart strategy on how to reach out to this group of potential vot-

"This is a population for whom Jewish identity and Eretz Yisrael are important," Rath said, "and which is worried about what kind of Jewish values will be given to their children."

Among the leaders of this secular group are a number of professors affiliated with the right-wing Professors for a Strong Israel.

An internal survey being reviewed by the NRP's strategy committee indicates that the Likud will win at least six more seats and has the potential of gaining another three. Of those respondents who said they are deliberating between voting for the NRP or another party, 65 percent said the choice is between the NRP and Likud, 6% said the NRP or Labor, and 4% the NRP

The poll also indicated that g2% of those who said they were definitely going to vote for the NRP also said they were going to vote for Binyamin Netanyahn for prime minister, while only 4% said they will vote for Shimon

One of the main themes of the NRP campaign, said Rath, will be to convince the electorate that it is not necessary to vote for both Netanyahu and the Likud. Despite internal polls showing that 30% of NRP supporters do not think the party should publicly support a candidate for prime minister, Rath said the NRP will publicly endorse Netanyahu.

The party is soon to begin a large-scale campaign, "face to face," in which some 1,400 volunteers will visit the homes of 300,000-400,000 voters to canvass on behalf of the party. The names have been drawn from the NRP's membership list, from the Hapoel Mizrachi list, and from various synagogue and religious school lists across the country.

"I don't care what three million people in the country think about the NRP," said Rath. "What I want to do is talk to those who are already in our camp." He said 400,000 voters represents more than 12 Knesset



Meretz MKs (from left) Amnon Rubinstein, Yossi Sarid, and Haim Oron announce the Meretz list of Knesset candidates at a press

# Meimad opts out of elections

THE Meimad executive ended months of speculation, deliberation and negotiation late last night and decided not to run in the Knesset elections.

Meimad spokesman Yisrael Cohen said the executive voted overwhelmingly both against running as a separate list, and against running with another party.

in recent weeks there has been talk of a joint list with The Third Way, the National Religious

(Continued from Page 1)

Shmuel Avital, and Alex

Ten new candidates were elect-

ed in the various regional lists:

Ofra Friedman in the Sharon,

Yona Yahav in Haifa, Michael

Bar-Zobar in Tel Aviv, Shiri

Weizman in the South, Tzali Re-

shef and Ofir Pines in Jerusalem,

Shalom Simbon in the Moshavim

district, Ronen Flot in the North,

Baram reacted with surprise at

...Eitan Broshi in the United Kib-

burz Movement, and Visrael Pe-

leg in the Dan districtme.

Goldfarb.

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Party, and even Gesher. Cohen said the executive decided against this, because the movement would have had to compromise its beliefs. Cohen said Meimad, which registered as a political party earlier this year, will remain a non-parliamentarian political action group.

One Meimad official said the decision not to run was made af-

ter the executive realized the party would not get enough votes for one Knesset seat. The party failed to pass the electoral threshold in its only attempt in 1988.

Meimad head Rahbi Yehuda Amital said weeks ago that be was opposed to Meimad running separately, and favored some kind of merger with the NRP. Meimad has already called on its supporters to vote for Shimon

noting that "it's a result of my

Barak cautioned that the polls are only an indication of the real vote results. "Any place in the first five is fine by me. The fight with Ramon is exaggerated by the media. I'm certain that Ramon and I shall work together in the future. We'll cooperate in ensuring that Peres is elected prime minister, and then the two of us

his great success in the polls, which exceeded his expectations,

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### **POLLS**

work as a minister and the reliable image I have built up over the years." He stated that the first five "are an excellent team, the best I could have expected."

Barak said he had no doubt that the "winning team we have chosen can beat the Likud. First of all, we have a candidate for prime minister who can defeat the Likud's." The television polls provided

will both be in the cabinet."

the main show in the Fair Grounds hall, which was festooned with balloons. A giant poster of Labor's election slogan, "A strong Israel with Peres," covered the wall behind the As Peres arrived at 10:50 p.m.,

the hall, crowded with candidates, their families, and hundreds of journalists and photographers, broke into loud applause.

Peres refused to comment on the polls, saving his reaction for the actual results.

The Likud last night issued a statement saying the far left bad taken over the Labor list.

Peres responded by calling their claims "old world terms that we thought we were done with."

Commenting on the reconciliation between Ramon and Barak, Peres said jokingly, "Yon can't trust those guys. They heard I wanted to invite them to a reconciliation meeting, and they initiated one themselves and solved all the problems before I could, leaving me with nothing to do."

Peres said the primary system still has many drawbacks and will have to be improved, after the elections. He noted, however, that it's still preferable to the days in which a small committee of party leaders determined the Knesset list.

> CLOSURE (Continued from Page 1)

Palestinian Police, and other Palestinian officers.

"The meeting was on the topic of terror and the fight against it. Gen. Hai Ismail got np and declared, and you could see it in his countenance, an all-out war against terror to give themselves security and peace," OC Indea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gahi Ofir said following the meeting.

The Palestinians sought an easing of the closure and a cessation of house demolitions, which it labeled collective punishment. So far, Palestinian security forces have rounded up some 900 suspected Hamas and Islamic Jihad members since the wave of snicide bombings.

"I declared before the PA and the officers of Judea and Samaria that the continuation of the war is a shared one. As long as the murderers are not behind bars and there is no tranquility, then things can't be the way they were," Ofir said. "I tend to believe that they are doing the best they are capable of."

CORRECTION

The Jerusalem Symphony family concert will take place tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and not as published in Friday's en-

Afternoon sun puts smile on Labor faces

MICHAL YUDELMAN

AT 3:30 p.m. yesterday, the sun came ont from behind the clouds, bringing smiles to the faces of Labor leaders, who bad feared that the stormy weather and beavy rains would deter many from venturing out to the polling booths.

IN comparison with the two large parties,

Thus its primaries this week were not a

great, hloody battle. The Meretz candidates at

no point had to endure anything approaching

the grueling ordeal of their Labor and Likud

really elect candidates, but voted to rank pre-

viously-chosen candidates selected in the

three even smaller components that make up

order in which the names appear on the list is

just what the party leadership could have

wished for, and what the intrinsic Meretz logic

No newcomer took a safe slot from an in-

cumbent. The only incumbents who are not

back on the list are Shulamit Aloni and Yair

Tzaban, who voluntarily retired. The new-

Not only were there no surprises, but the

In fact, Meretz members on Sunday did not

Meretz is a small, placid pond.

counterparts.

the party.

called for.

The voting turnont, a thin trickle until then, picked up with the improved weather and reached close to 50% by the early

At 7 p.m., two hours before poll closing time, excitement increased at Labor's primaries headquarters on Rebov Hayarkon 110, and senior party officials bere expressed hope that the turnout would reach 70% by 9

"It didn't even occur to me not to vote, no matter what the weather would be," said Shosh Elkana, 43, at the polling station on Rehov Zichron Ya'acov, near the Tel Aviv Municipality.

"Rabin's murder made me feel must be more involved. That's why I registered as a party member and so did all my family. We were always silent supporters until now. But once we registered, not even the greatest storm could keep us away from the polling booths," she said,

The polling station at Labor's Tel Aviv hranch, on Beilinson Street, was humming with activi-

THE decision by the Islamic

Movement to participate in the

elections and try to unify the po-

litical forces of the Arab sector

was a smart move, according to

Dr. Elie Rekhess, director of the

program on Arab politics in Isra-

By doing so, the movement

hopes to prevent as many as

140,000 Arab votes from being

wasted because of fragmentation.

A united bloc stands to garner

even more support and win five

The move also comes at what

many observers see as a sensitive.

if not crucial, period in the histo-

ry of the state, the Palestinian people, and the Middle East.

fragmented and factionalized

and, theoretically, there's a possi-

"At present, the Arab vote is

el at Tel Aviv University.

to seven Knesset seats.

Dozens of cheerful activists at the entrance swooped down on every voter with cards and pictures bearing the names and portraits of various candidates, and one even gave ont cigarettes to

anyone who was interested. "So what's a little rain," one elderly woman who came to cast ber ballot said, smiling. "One has to do one's democratic duty, it's our right," she added.

The members of the polling station carefully checked each voter's identity, found his or her name on the list, then patiently explained the voting procedures on the complicated two-sided ballot sheet, in English or other languages when necessary.

They even provided the required hlack pen for filling in the X's on the forms, which had earned the nickname "Labor's Lotto," and referred each person

to the polling booths.
"Whew," one leading Labor activist said when the sudden sunshine lit up the gloomy gray streets outside. "Just when people are finishing the day's work. Now they can come to vote more easily. This is a very good sign."

Justice Minister Davld Libai dropped in "just to thank the

bility that none of the competing

forces would pass the threshold,

which is going to be as high as

45,000 votes, almost the equiva-

lent of two Knesset seats," said

"The big fear is that the poten-

tial power of the Arab electorate

would be wasted if the voting is

split between different parties. All

these votes could end up going down the drain, without any party

Rekhess, stressed that the Is-

lamic Movement stands to gain

tremendous prestige if it succeeds

in its aim of forging a united list

"I think the moderate faction

of the Islamic Movement has as-

sessed that the right conditions

have been created for them to

which wins five to seven scats.

winning any Knesset seats."

members of the ballot committee and all the volunteers for their

Arab expert: Islamic decision

to campaign is a smart move

DAVID RUDGE

Rekhess

### ANALYSIS SARAH HONIG

Meretz voters did the sensible thing

considered realistic this year, although Meretz

currently holds 12 seats. Even MKs Naomi Chazan (8th), Walid Sadek (9th), and Benny Temkin (10th) are far from safe bets. Among those who are likely to feature in the 14th Knesset, there are no surprises. The first three are the leaders of the Citizens Rights Movement (Yossi Sarid), Mapam (Haim Oron), and Shinui (Amnon Rubinstein). The next two slots were allocated to the CRM and the only question was who would come in first - Ran Cohen or Dedi Zucker. Cohen got 6,000 more votes.

In the Mapam slot which follows, MK Anat Maor made it, which could make her the only woman in the next Meretz Knesset

MK Avraham Poraz of Shinui was a natural comers are in the 11th and 12th slots, not for the second Shinui slot (the seventh on the Meretz list). Poraz is the second Shimi man on the Meretz list today, too.

The Meretz electorate did the sensible thing from the Meretz establishment's point of view. Meretz's only problem is that it is highly unlikely to repeat its success of four years ago. which imperils many of the current MKs.

The hope in the party is that Labor will try so hard to win the floating vote that it will remn its hawkish campaign of 1992 to hire Likud-leaning voters, allowing Meretz to highlight the distinctions between the parties and hite into Labor's ultra-dovish fringes.

The campaign tension is already apparent, with Sarid making carping comments about the expected Labor list - his real competitor only minutes after announcing the make-up of the Meretz list.

Meretz is in difficult straits and it cannot waste a single day of campaigning, not even to rest up after the primaries, while the Labor votes are still being counted.

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# Ramon and Barak voted for each other

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

INTERIOR Minister Haim Ramon and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak continued demonstrating vesterday,

Ramon, one of the first to cast his ballot at Ramat Hasharon's labor council branch yesterday morning, arrived in the pouring rain and was greeted warmly by local activists and council workers

He swiftly entered the polling hooth, after receiving instructions on how to fill out the ballot dubbed "Labor's Toto form" and emerged with a surprise for the waiting journalists: He had voted for Ehud Barak, he said.

Barak arrived to the polling station near his home at Kochav Yair, after an exhausting tour of voting centers in Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Baka al-Gharbiya.

"I've never taken place in elections hefore, and will consider any slot among the first five an achievement," he said, Asked if he knew whom to vote

for, he said "of course, all the good people." Is Ramon among them? "Certainly," said Barak. "I didn't hesitate for a moment. He is an inseparable part of the party's leadership." · Housing Minister Binyamin

Ben-Eliezer, Labor's campaign

MICHAL YUDELMAN staff chairman, toured party branches in the central region, considered his home court. Evtheir mutual support and unity erywhere be went, be was received with warmth and cheers by activists, who hastened to slap a sticker bearing the number 10 -Ben-Eliezer's number on the vot-

ing form - to their chests. Fuad was unfazed by the possibility that no candidate of Sephardi origin would be placed among Labor's top 10. "The vote is personal, not on an ethnic basis. I have no doubt that those who are worthy will be elected. What the voter sees is the issue of the state's security and where the state is going. What's at stake is a better future for Israel in the next few years."

· Leah Rabin cast her ballot at the poll booth near her home at Ramat Aviv in the afternoon. She said she was confident her husband would have been proud of the leadership team which Labor is presenting in the elections.

Asked about the doubts concerning the peace process following the terrorist attacks, she said "there is no moral weakening. On the contrary. Bereaved parents are expressing their increased conviction and support in the peace process. This indicates an incredibly strong moral and

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Mitzna threatened at polls Haifa police are searching for a Kiryat Ata resident who is

suspected of threatening Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna during a visit to a Labor Party polling station in the suburb yesterday. The man cursed Mitzna and said, "We have to kill you

In Daliat al-Carmel, the chairman of the polling station was attacked. The assailant was detained, police said.

GSS chief makes first appointment

AMI Ayalon, the new head of the General Security Service, made his first internal appointment yesterday since taking over the GSS, appointing a permanent head of the protection branch, The previous head of the branch had resigned following the assassination of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

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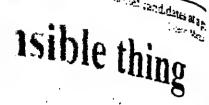
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# Police: Arrests fail to deter wiretappers

ILLEGAL wiretapping is still being conducted by private investigators, sometimes with the help of Bezeq technicians, according to a seoior police source.

"The bugging is continuing - the only thing that has changed is the price, which has gone sky-high," the source said.

He said the arrests during of scores of private iovestigators for wiretapping over the past two years has not deterred others from tapping the phooes and cellular phones of companies and wayward wives or husbands.

"Bezeq technicians randomly discover about 30 transmitters a month in phone exchange boxes from Netanya to Asbdod he said.

Technicians are obliged to report each bug to their supervisor, who must inform the compa-

Israel, said Attorney-Geoeral Khaled Kidreh.

The Associated Press.

the High Court of Justice.

damage to the town.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Islamic militants are plotting to attack Palestinian officials and

overthrow Yasser Arafat's government, the Palestinian attorney-

These people have made the Palestinian Authority and the

Israel Museum at the last meeting of the museum's board of

named vice-chairman of the board, as was Dov Gottesman.

The IDF said yesterday it would grant an entry permit to a Palestinian resident of Saffa, near Ramallah, to visit his sick

directors, the museum announced yesterday. MK Dan Meridor was

IDF grants entry permit to Palestinian father

daughter, after the Association of Civil Rights in Israel petitioned

ACRI demanded that the IDF give the permit to the Palestinian.

Hospital in Jerusalem. The girl's doctors helieve she will die within

whose nine-year-old daughter in critical condition at the Alyn

a few days, the petitioo said, and only the mother was given an

A flood will be simulated by Hebrew University geographers in a

is to observe the special characteristics of a desert flood, which in

its natural form could cause serious physical and environmental

The Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) and the Jewish National

Schick of the HU's geography department. According to Schick,

Fund (JNF) are cooperating in the simulation with Prof. Asher

"there is no available technology that could save Eilat from a

Prime Minister Shimon Peres met Sunday evening with Belzer

efforts to strengthen lewish identity, saying that "we need to teach Diaspora youth Hebrew, and Israeli youth yiddishkeit."

The Belzer rebbe has supported the government's peace moves.

Peres told Rokeach that his government will not divide Jerusalem.

Rebbe Yisachar Dov Rokeach, and updated him on the peace process. Peres reportedly agreed to the rebbe's calls for greater

powerful flood, a type that occurs once in 50 to 100 years.

Peres meets with Belzer rebbe

wadi two kilometers west of Eilat today. The aim of the experiment

Flood simulation near Eilat today

Jerusalem Post Staff

Palestinian people into targets for their terror attacks," Kidreh told

Militant leaders have issued a religious decree, or fatwo, permitting the killing of Palestinian officials for their dealings with

'Militants plan to attack PA officials'

**RAINE MARCUS** 

ny's security officer. Technically, the security officer is obliged to inform police, who do not have sufficient manpower to trace every com-pany executive or jealous busband who may have ordered the tap. Often technicians do not know which bugs are connected to which phone line and simply remove the transmitters. However, if a public figure is being tapped, the police must take action, said the source.

Equipment is also changing, with private investigators importing bugging and anti-bug-ging devices from Holland, Australia, Britain, Italy, and the US.

The source also said he is convinced some Bezeq technicians are still helping locate

phone lines to be bugged. "Whereas previously a crooked technician may bave taken \$500 for an initial installment, oow he may request \$1.000." he said.

Bezeq spokesman Ronni Mandelbaum said that technicians finding transmitters must report to their supervisor, who informs the area security officer. "Any complaint is examined,"

Bezeq's techniques to foil would-be tappers have also become more sophisticated, and any employee who tries to access the company computer may be traced. Other methods include blocking the last three digits of a phone number or exchange line. Only two Bezeq employees have been arrested and charged in

connection with wiretapping.

### Private investigator's trial for bugging starts tomorrow

**RAINE MARCUS** 

THE trial of private investigator Ze'ev Laufer, 51, accused of 13 counts of wiretapping in the media wiretapping afrair, is due to open on Thursday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

a series of indictments against other private investigators and oewspaper editors - results from evidence given to police hy state's witness and former private investigator Ya'acov Tsur.

Laufer was arrested last April together with Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi, his right-hand man David Roneo, lawyer Motti Katz, investigators Micha Rotem, Eli Gersboni, Rafi Friedan (Tsur's former partner) and others after police gathered sufficient evidence from Tsur. Laufer was the only one arrested who refused to even talk to his investigators. merely confirming his name and

other basic details. According to evidence given to police by Tsur, Laufer was allegedly employed by Yedior Aharonot, via other intermediaries, who allegedly commissioned him to carry out various services, including wiretapping.
Evidence also shows that Laufer was hired hy businessmen to bug rivals' phones, faxes and cellular phones. According to the indictment. Friedan and Tsur were hired by Laufer to carry out the wiretap-

one charge relates to bugging the phone of former Ma ariv marketing manager Ya'acov Kedmi. Laufer hired Friedan and Tsur to Ronen, who immediately hired another pair of investigators and a Bezeg employee to check Kedmi's phooe, The bug was found and left in place for a while,

to confuse whoever ordered the

In his evidence, Tsur says lisher and chief editor Arnon Mozes and Ze'ev Mozes over shares at the paper.

### general, demanding that those responsible be brought to justice, since while the court had rejected their Rains bring Population hits 5.6m

IDF mechanic involved in

helicopter cable accident

won't be charged

DAVID RUDGE

relief to

Kinneret

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Beo-Yair yester-

Yair should have ordered police to launch an investi-

the establishment of a second air force inquiry com-

He added the families would ask for another hear-

THE water level in Lake Kinneret has risen a further three centimeters as a result of the recent torrential rains.

Experts said they expect the level to continue rising gradually from the strong flow from the Jordan River and other streams into the lake.

Nevertheless, they stressed that the prospect of the Kinneret being at its maximum point by the beginning of summer were very

The inflow has now raised the level io the lake to just under 1.20 meters below the maximum mark, which is a far better state than had beeo expected midway through the winter, but still not as good as previous years.

The wintry weather continued yesterday, with heavy rain and hail storms at times and snow blocking the access to the Mt. Hermon ski site for the second day running.

The beavy rain elsewhere caused flooding on many roads.

The meteorological service reported that large quantities of thin fell in many parts, especially Haifa, Jerusalem, the Tel Aviv region and the Galilee.

Snow was still likely on northem peaks last night, with the wintry weather continuing throughout today and gradually dyiog out tomorrow. The weather on Thursday is expected to be more spring-like and hotter and drier

mission of inquiry, the attorney-general hannounced he would order the mechanic tried Shraga called the decision "strange," adding it stained the position of attorney-general. "If the attorney-general thought that something wrong was done, he should have ordered an investigation into allegacausing the soldiers' deaths by negligence. After his announcement and after the High Court

Justice rejected the families' petioon to force to attorney-general to try several air force officers a soldiers, including the OC air force and the captain the aircraft, a second commission of inquiry w established which exonerated all those involve including the mechanic. Ben-Yair accepted the co

petition regarding trying air force officers, the mat of the mechanic was still pending, and at the time,

attorney-general had said he thought the mecha

should be brought up on charges.
Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg, members of tair force rescue squad, were killed in August 19 when the cable pulling them up to their helicop

during an exercise tore. A check of the cable show that it had tom because it had been improperly roll

up. Based on these findings by the first air force co

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE country's population on November 4, 1995 was 5.6 million according to preliminary data from the recent census, released ye terday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The bureau reported that the greatest increase since the previo census, in June 1983, was 57 percent - logged in the South. With that area, the population of the Ashkelon region was up 65%, a

that of the city of Ashdod almost doubled.

The Tel Aviv and Haifa regions, on the other hand, were up 16% and 30% respectively, reflecting the ongning national goal increasing the population of outlying areas.

The population of several communities was up 80% or mo aming them Or Akiva (89%), Ashdod (95%), Beit Shemesh (92%) Yavne (102%), Karmiel (121%), Mevasseret Zion (110%), Nesh (95%), Netivot (87%), Rahat (145%), and Sderot (87%). There was a marked increase in the number of community sett

ments - small villages with restricted memberships - from 71 to 11 and their population was up more than 600%, from 8,000 to 51,00 The Jewish population of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza was also more than 600%, from 24,000 to 134,000.

# El Al plane struck by lightnin

HAIM SHAPIRO

AN El Al plane en route to the Far East with 270 passeogers was forced to turn back yesterday after it was struck by lightning over Jerusalem.

The Boeing 747-200 had takeo off at 7:20 a.m. for New Delhi and Bangkok and was only 15 minutes in the air, when lightning struck the antenna on the right wing. The jolt hurned a hole in the fiberglass: shield on the cose of the aircraft. hampering the weather radar system, according to El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman,

He said the passengers felt the jolt and experienced the loss of electric current for about 30 se oods, but that oo one was hu Pilot Menachem Nehushtan to the passengers the plane wor have to return to Ben-Guri Airport because of possible da age to the radar system.

After 30 minutes in the air, d ing which time the plane dump fuel, it landed without incident Ben-Gurion, At 1:30 p.mour to off again, this time flying straig to Bangkok to make up for I time. The 120 New Delhi-bou passengers were accommodate in a hotel and were due to leave another El Al flight last night.

### However, if other connected tri-Yedior was behind the hugging of Kidreh said Palestinian investigators have seized documents als are anything to go hy, the hear-Kedmi. It is not known who at the revealing plans to topple Arafat, but would not elaborate. ing may be postponed to allow Laufer to receive hundreds of tapes daily was allegedly responsible for the hugging. A loog legal battle is currently underway in Tel Aviv District Court between pub-Kollek named president of Israel Museum and other prosecution evidence. Laufer's indictment - another in Former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek was named president of the

tap Kedmi's phone, but the pair told Ofer Nimrodi and David

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### Zulus defiant over weapons ban

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) -The South African government would have to lock up the entire Zulu nation if they wanted to enforce a ban on dangerous weapons, the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday. Safety and Security Minister

Sydney Mufamadi imposed a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons in public in 74 magisterial districts in a bid to stem political and criminal violence.

But thousands of members of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha defied the ban at a weekend political rally in the volatile Zulu heartland of KwaZulu-Natal. openly carrying their so-called traditional weapons - spears, fighting sticks and shields.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillett told Reuters the African National Congress-led national government was unrealistic it it thought it could ban the carrying of traditional weapons.

"It is part of Zulu identity. It is a way in which Zulu males define

their whole sense of being.
"So to expect them to abandon those weapons or to surrender those weapons is totally unrealistic and if the minister intends imposing these measures to the letter of the law then I am afraid to say that he is going to have to lock up an entire nation."

The ban was imposed a day after 11 people, including seven women, a bahy and three men. were massacred by gunnien armed with assault rifles and shotguns, in fresh bloodletting in a rural district of KwaZulu-Natal.

South Africa's nine million Zulus have been split along politi-cal lines between the ANC, which rules at national level and Inkatha. which holds power in KwaZulu-Natal. More than 14,000 people have been killed since feuding began in the mid-1980s.

President Nelson Mandela said last week he wanted to end the killings in the province.

"I am determined to put an end to this senseless camage. In doing so, I will employ all the power and authority vested in me by the law." Mandela said in a message marking South Africa's Human Rights Day last Thursday.

Tillett said Buthelezi has warned that the ban would only mercase tension in KwaZulu-Natal, one of two provinces not controlled by the ANC after South Africa's allrace elections in 1994.

"Our president (Buthelezi) is correct in saying that these mea-sures simply provoke more tension rather than to pour balm on troubled waters," Tillet said.

"Given the number of people at political gatherings I think it is totally impractical to even expect it and I don't think they (police) would even attempt it because they would realize it is extremely provocative."



A tire burns near Indian police gathered to repel demonstrators in Srinagar yesterday after nine rebel militants were killed by police. Reserve

# India sets deadline in Kashmir shrine siege

SRINAGAR (Remer) - Indian authorities yesterday gave armed separatists holed up in Kashmir's holiest shrine two days to surrender or face stiff punishment.

The government of Jammu and Kashmir released a statement in the summer capital Srinagar saving anyone desecrating a religious place after tomorrow "will not be shown any

Police said more than two dozen guerrillas from the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), many of them armed, were hiding in the Hazratbal shrine after at least 11 people were killed on Sunday in a gunbattle outside the building.

The government statement called on all militants to surrender tomorrow to the nearest police station or security force post, and turn over arms and ammunition. Officials said the statement was aimed at the guerrillas in Hazrathal.

"After this date any person indulging in militant activities, harboring militants or possessing unauthorized weapons will be dealt (with) severely under law," it said. "Any person attempting to misuse or desecrate any religious place will not be shown any leniency."

In a separate statement, the government of mostly Hindu India's only Moslem majority state, which has seen six years of insurgency. said it had urged the militants to come out of the shrine and allow eight hodies to be brought out for hurial.

But the All Party Hurriyat (freedom) Conference, a 30-party grouping of Kashmiri separatists, said relatives were not being allowed to take the bodies out of the shrine. The Home Ministry said police captured

some ammunition and communications equipment belonging to the militarus from one of the rooms "in the premises of the Hazratbal

"Indian forces have splattered the main shrine with human blood by the use of excessive force and brutality." Hurriyat said in a statement released in New Delhi.

The Indian Home Ministry said in a statement that the state government was taking steps to clear the shrine immediately, and paramilitary reinforcements had been sent to the

The authorities' decision to set a deadline one day after armed militants entered the shrine appeared to contrast with a more tractable stance they adopted in late 1993 when militants occupied the shrine for more than a

At that time troopers threw a cordon around the Hazratbal, saying they were acting to foil a plot to steal a relic said to be a hair of the beard of the Moslem Propher Mohammed. But the government opted to wait out the cri-

sis, which ended peacefully when the militants surrendered after 32 days. In the current standoff, there are several crucial differences from 1993. The JKLF has split, with a splinter faction controlling the shrine

area, and several of the front's leaders bave been killed. Perhaps more significantly, general elections start on April 27 and end with voting in Kashmir valley's three parliamentary seats on

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao has been keen to hold the first polls in Kashmir since the separatist revolt erupted, and may want to avoid a standoff which evald harm his

Congress party's inframes. The JKLF said crack police started the gunbattle by breaking into a meeting of separatists in an office next to the shrine.

# Queen's first visit to Poland \*

WARSAW (AP) - A crowd of 1,000 people broke into loud cheers yesterday as Queen Elizabeth II arrived at the Presidential Palace in a silver Rolls Royce during the first visit to Poland by a British monarch.

The queen, along with her husband Prince Philip, is the guest of Aleksander Kwasniewski and is scheduled to

meet political leaders and ordinary citizens, and visit historic sites in Warsaw and Krakow dur-

ing the three-day trip.

During a nationally televised welcoming ceremony in the palace courtyard, the queen, dressed in a mink coat and a black-and-green hat, reviewed a military honor guard and greeted government and parliamentary

In the Palace, the queen met with Kwasniewski and his wife Jolanta, and they were shown conversing in English on state televi-

The queen was expected to stress the importance of strong Polish-British ties during a speech to a joint session of Parliament

Queen Elizabeth is repaying a 1991 visit to Britain by former President Lech Walesa, the Solidarity hero who helped topple Poland's Communist regime but lost the presidential election to excommunist Kwasniewski last fall.

Walesa is to have tea with the queen during a private meeting this afternoon, after turning down a royal lunch invitation because Kwasniewski was on the guest list. The royals are staying at the 19th century Belvedere Palace, which has been spruced up for the

Following complaints from the Jewish community in Britain about the omission from the royal itinerary of the former Nazi death camp Auschwitz, the Buckingham Palace made last-minute arrangements to include a stop at a wartime Jewish memorial in

Warsaw. The queen is to commemorate the suffering of Polish Jews m World War II by laying a wreath

afternoon Umschlagplatz, the former starting point for Nazi transports of Jews to Treblinka death camp.

The royal couple will visit the southern city of Krakow on Wednesday, and Prince Philip was to meet with Jewish community representatives and visit the old Jewish district of Kazimierz Yesterday, after the meeting

with Kwasniewski, the queen laid a wreath of red poppies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Under sunny skies, Warsaw's main streets looked cleaned from winter dirt and were decorated with Polish and British flags. Thousands of Poles of all ages lined the downtown streets.

"The queens's visit is a great attraction and pride for Poland," said Beata Swiatek, a 22-year-old geography student watching the royals from a spot across the street from the Presidential

Danuta Bernat, a 69-year-old retired economist said she walked 40 minutes from her home in the southern district of Mokotow to catch a glimpse of the queen. "I admire her dignified stance

despite family problems," Bernat

Britain's Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, accompanying the queen on the visit, is to discuss Poland's aspirations to join the European Union and NATO with his Polish counterpart, Dariusz Rosati, and the president.

This morning, the queen is to meet Polisb youth at Warsaw's Stefan Batory high school and in the evening, the royals plan attend a ballet at the Grand Theater. Tomorrow the royals fly to the Czech Republic.

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### Achille Lauro convict was going to Africa before arrest

MADRID (Reuter) - The Palestinian convicted of the 1985 Achille Lauro hijacking was believed to be on his way to North Africa when he was arrested in southern Spain on Friday, Spanish police said yesterday.

"We think he was about to cross to the north of Africa," Damaso Gonzalez, head of the paramilitary Civil Guard's information service, said. Magied al-Molqi, who was serving a 30-year sentence for the bijacking of the Italian cruise liner, was seized in the seaside town of Estepona, near the Strait of Gibraltar, which separates Spain from Morocco. Italian police-sources gave no further details of the extradition pro-cedings against al-Molqi-which Italy has lameted.

Molqi was serving a 30-year sentence after being held primarily responsible during his trial in Italy for the murder of wheelchair-bound

# Sudan negotiating return of hijacked plane Hillary, daughter visit US troops in Bosnia

KHARTOUM (AP) - Sudan wants the return of an airliner hijacked to neighboring Eritrea

with its 49 passengers and crew. The airliner was en route from the Sudanese capital of Khartoum to Port Sudan on Sunday when the pilot was forced to divert to the Eritrean capital. Asmara. On surrendering there, the two hijackers reportedly said they were allied to Sudanese opposition parties. The passengers and crew were

freed, and no one was hurt. Sudan's Civil Aviation Authority said yesterday it is negotiating the return of the A720 Airbus from Eritrea. Sudan and Eritrea are at odds over Asmara's charges that Sudan is supporting Islamic rebels

in Eritrea. "Contacts are still under way between the concerned authorities and the Eritreans to finalize the legal and administrative procedures for the return of the plane with its passengers." the authority

Bashir Ali, the plane's captain. said Eritrea's government had not yet okayed a flight back to Sudan.

The two bijackers, one carrying a pistol, commandeered the Sudanese airliner about 25 minutes after it took off. Capt. Bashir Ali told MBC in a telephone interview from Asmara.

The armed hijacker demanded that the A720 Airbus jet head to Asmara, Both professed "a lot of hatred" for the Sudanese government but made no political demands, Ali said.

TUZLA (AP) - Venturing to the front lines of the Bosnia peacekeeping mission, Hillary Rodham Clinton greeted US troops yesterday and heard horror stories about the region's devastating civil war.

"Sarajevo is the largest graveyard in the world," Katarina Mandic, a member of the Federation Constitutional Court, told her at a meeting of federation leaders.

Mrs. Clinton stared intently at Mandie, listening without speaking a word. "On every corner we find dead bodies. Dead animals," the woman continued. "Blood and destruction everywhere."

Eurlier, Mrs. Clinton paid a courtesy call to acting Bosnian President Ejup Ganic. The meetings took place before Mrs. Clinton was scheduled to heli-

copier to posts outside the safe con-

fines of the US base in Tuzla. Bad weather restricted President Clinton to the base during his January visit.

Afterward, she was addressing US soldiers at a show featuring singer Sheryl Crow and comedian Sinbad. The American entertainers flew to Bosnia with Mrs. Clinton aboard a C-17 cargo plane laden with gifts and mail for the soldiers, some of whom she met upon her

arrival. Mrs. Clinton would be the first presidential spouse since Eleanor Roosevelt to formally address troops in a potentially hostile area. although not the first to visit a mil-

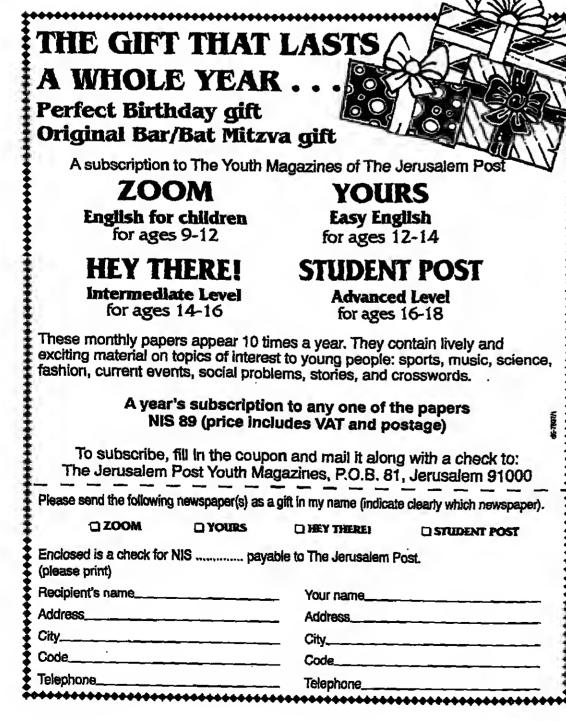
itary hot spot.
During the Vietnam War in 1969. for instance, Pat Nixon visited patients at a US field bospital north of Saigon. And in 1990, Barbara

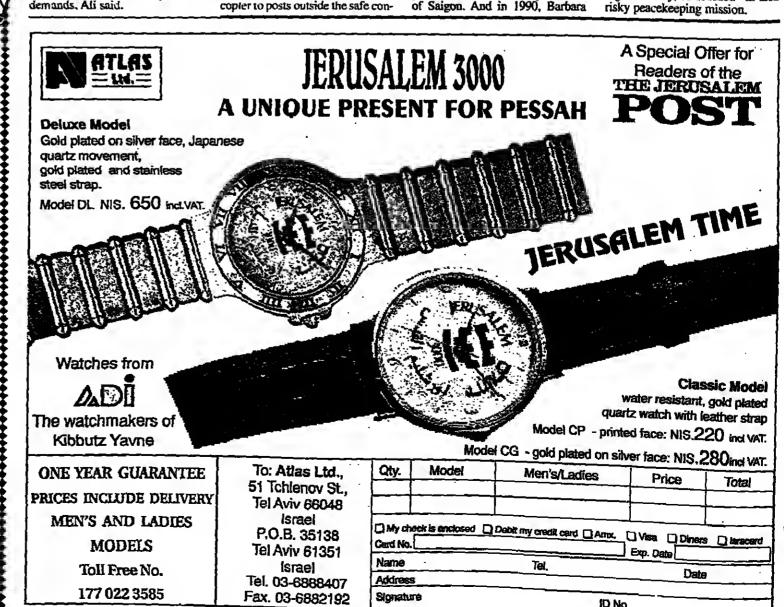
Bush and President Bush spent Thanksgiving with US troops massed in Saudi Arabia to oust Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

She flew to Bosnia with her teenage daughter, Chelsea. Mrs. Clinton chatted with journalists and crewmen during the 90-minute flight, wandering around the spacious plane in a black pantsuit - a contrast to the blue jeans and other road-ready clothes wore by most everybody else on the plane.

The first lady spent time in the cockpit with pilot Cheryl Beineke, one of just four female C-17 pilots in the US Air Force.

Opening an eight-day European trip, Mrs. Clinton visited an army base in Baumholder, Germany, on Sunday to thank US troops for staying "so ready, so focused" in their





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Lee vows better China ties

TAIPEI (AP) - With China reportedly signaling willingness for talks, President Lee Teng-hui celebrated his landslide election vic-

tnry by promising to work nn improving relations with Beijing. A Taiwanese official said yesterday that China may hold another round of war games, but keep them inland and therefore less threatening tn Taiwan than the naval exercises it has conducted in waters faciog the island.

China, after weeks of attempts tn intimidate Taiwan in the run-up to its historic direct presidential election, said it would negotiate if Taiwan gave up seeking a separate status for itself.

"We believe the door to negotiatinns ia still open," China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said Sunday. "The key is for the Taiwan authorities in give up their pursuit of two Chinas or nne China and nne Taiwan."

If Taiwan's leaders accept reunification, "relations could be eased and we could move on to discuss nther things," Sheo said in an interview with the London-based Wnridwide Televisioo News, mnnitored in Beijing.

in a non-committal reaction yesterday, the Taiwan govern-ment's chief China-watcher said the issue needed study.

"This still depends no the interaction of both sides. We need a period of nbservatinn," Chang King-yu, head of the Mainland

Affairs Council, told reporters. He called for a resumptino of the low-level, semi-official talks that China froze last July in its

BERLIN (AP) - The three parties in Chancellnr Helmut Kohl's

coalition government rejniced

yesterday over their surprisingly

strong showing in local elections,

but analysts said the results

reflected mnre a vnter displeasure with the alternatives than an

endorsement of the status quo.
"They didn't have anybody else

to vote for," said Erwin Scheuch, a

socinlogist at Cologne University and sometime Kohl adviser. The

whole establishment looks terrible

With unemployment at a record.

and doesn't deliver."

11 percent and fears of a looming

recession in Germany, Kohl's conservative Christian Democrats

(CDU) and his junior coalition

partner, the Free Democrats

(FDP), were considered vulnera-

ble in three state elections Sunday.

Democrats (SPD) fared poorly.

Analysts blamed the party's oew

ulist issues instead of the weak

Lafnntaine had attacked Kohl

fnr pushing the planned European

currency uninn, which polls show

many Germans fear, and called for

limits on the influx of immigrants

"That was a great hig mistake"

for a leftist party, said Peter Loesche, a political scientist at

Goettingen University. "The SPD

appeals to the gut or to prejudice.

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Kohl a big winner

in state polls

rage at Lee's fnreign dipinmacy.
"We are about to eoter the 21st century. Shall we continue with slruggle and confrontation, or rather engage in cooperation for the long-term henefit of the Chinese people?" Chang said.

Reunification of China and Taiwan "takes patience, sincerity and hard work," he said.

So far, nothing has been said that represents a departure. Taiwan's president has giveo oo sign he will temper his quest to raise Taiwan's diplomatic profile, and it is that campaign that China continues to view as creating "two Chinas."

Shen's remarks may have been meant to signal to Taipei that with the election over, Beijing doesn't rule out talking to Lee, despite having villified him for the past eight mooths as an independenceseeker bent on splitting China.
The spokesman for US

President Bill Clinton, Mike McCurry, said: "There's also been a general de-escalation in the tone of rhetoric no both sides of the strait and some encouraging signs that peaceful dialogue may be in

the nffing.
"And the United States is encouraged by that development, having long called for such peace-

But Taiwan's United Daily News qunted Beijing nfficials whn handle Taiwan affairs as saythe tensions were ing the tensions Washington's fault for intervening in the dispute, and these tensions would not ease until relations with the US improved.

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sickbed of capitalism who cares

Lafontaine became national

chairman of the Social Democrats

four months ago, pledging to reverse the move toward the cen-

ter attempted by his predecessor, Rudolf Scharping, who lost to Kohl in the 1994 federal election.

He denied yesterday that he had

hut the party with appeals to pop-plism, maintaining he was simply stating his long-known positions. If the party can close ranks in the

coming months, it will go for-

made the left's "long march into the

government" even longer, said

Juergen Trium of the environmental

Greens party, which has formed

The election was also seen as a

do-or-die moment for the centrist

Free Democrats, Germany's tradi-

tional kingmaker party that has been losing ground steadily.

States play a key role in natinn-

al politics because their represen-

tatives comprise the upper hnuse,

the Bundesrat, which can block

legislatino passed by the lower

house, the Bundestag.

Kohl's coalition has cootrolled

the Bundestag for 14 years. The

Social Democrats were weakened

in Sunday's voting, but still make

The third member of Kohl's

coalitinn, Bavaria's Christian

Social Uninn, added to their gains

from two weeks ago hy deposing

two Social Democrat mayors in

up a majority in the Bundesrat.

local coalitions with the SPD.

Lafontaine, in Sunday's poll, only

ward," he said.

for the victims of capitalism."

enough.
"We have no other recommenthe mnment," Hogg said.

But the minister, who just 24 hours earlier had pointedly said that partial slaughter of Britain's 11 million herd was an option, said more radical steps might be required if market confidence did "I shall monitor it with scrupu-

lous care and I shall not hesitate to

-OSLO: (Reuter) - Russian

President Boris Yeltsin arrived in

Norway at the start of a twn-day

visit yesterday, seeking reassur-

ance from his western neighbor

over NATO troop movements

"We will discuss why NATO is

pushing to the east and with what

aims. That is the main thing." he

"I very much hope that

Norway and the Norwegian lead-

ership will express their views

on this. It (NATO) is after all a

collective organization," he

Yeltsin has publicly npposed

NATO plans to exteod member-

ship tn former Soviet hlnc coun-

tries in eastern and central

But he hinted yesterday that

Mnscnw could accept ex-

Warsaw Pact states joining the

alliance's political committee if

they stayed nut of its military

"I would propose that they fol-

lnw the French example, that is

to joio the committee but not

and expansion plans.

said on arriving in Osln.

added.

structure.

NATO," he said.

tional Sunday lunch of roast beef. There was no immediate word The government's advice has from two hig hurger chains, McDonald's and Wimpy, which dooe oothing to answer the key consumer concerns about beef," said Sheila McKechnie, the assohad taken British beef off their menus over fears of a link

which is 12 hours."

Fleet.

submarines.

mnthers-to-be and the sick were at on greater risk of contracting CID than healthy adults.

UK refuses to order mass

He said a committee of scientists, who met over the weekend, had reconfirmed advice they gave last week and made only a few minor extra recommendations for

health scare by charging that gov-ernment dogma and complacency

This crisis has shown that the government can no longer govern because people do not trust them,"

The committee was still not in

position to confirm a causal

link between BSE and CJD

although the most likely cause

nf 10 new cases in humans was impact of the crisis, British wholesale beef prices were marked down another 15 percent on Mnoday.

Harman told parliament.

health spokeswoman Harriet

As nervous financial markets

tried to calculate the economic

But consumers were still not interested. "We just can't self British beef at the moment, it's come tn an almost complete standstill," Michael Chapman head of Guttridge and Company meat wholesalers said at London's

### **South Pacific** becomes nuclear-free

States, Britain and France signed a treaty declaring the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone.

of which was used by the West for nuclear tests.

France conducted its final underground test beneath Mururoa Atnil following widespread international condemnation.

Zone Treaty was adopted by the 16-member South Pacific Forum in

weapons in the zone. However, it doesn't prohibit the

armed vessels. Papua New Guinea Prime

signing but said island states might one day widen the treaty's scope.

"Grudgingly we realize that what we are receiving today is all that we can pragmatically expect, for now We are not being unreasonable though, in feeling entitled to much

"We also believe that they (the nuclear powers) are responsible for eaning up" the sites. Chan said "We believe that they must accep responsibility for compensating people adversely affected."

Chan also criticized the three Western powers for taking several years longer than Russia and China to sign the so-called Treaty no Rarotonga, named after the site no its adoptino in the Cook Islands.

Fiji premier Sitiveni Rabuka said the treaty is "nf mnoumental signif-

icance" to Pacific islanders. Australian Prime Minister Inhu Howard said the signing will be "a

positive influence" on negotiations for a global nuclear test ban, which However, some analysts were

"It doesn't mean a great deal for nuclear disarmament," said Michael McKinley, a professor nf politics at the Australian National

University in Canberra.

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in Israel
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Religious Education in an Open Society
Michael Rosenak, Jerusalem
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Ephraim Mehr, Bar-ilan

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Tolerance and Factionalism - a Challenge to Religious

Wolfgang Gruenberg, Hamburg Judaism as Tolerance in the Philosophy of Emanuel Levinas

slaughter of cattle despite EU ban LONDON (Reuter) - The British government, facing worldwide alarm over "mad cow" disease,

slaughter of cattle to restore plummeting confidence in its four bil-lion pound (\$6 billion) beef indus-Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell said no extra safeguards were needed because the government's scientific advisers had

refused yesterday to nrder mass

evidence of a new human strain of the deadly disease.
But Britain's stand failed to impress its European Union partners. The EU voted 14-1 in

concluded the risk from eating beef was extremely small despite

Brussels in slap an immediate ban on shipment of British beef to other EU countries.

Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg called the ban unjustified.

"It does not reflect the proper assessment of the risks. We are going to have to consider what the oext step should be," he told a

news conference. The crisis could force its way on to the agenda of Friday's EU summit, which is being held in the Italian city of Turin to launch a conference on the future shape of the 15-nation bloc.

Earlier, Hogg told parliament that scientists had coosidered advising the culting of nider cattle to calm fears about people catching the human equivalent of BSE, but had concluded that controls annnuoced last week were

dations to make to this house at

come before the House with further measures if it is clear that they are justified by the circum-

Encephalnpathy (BSE) and its human equivalent, the rare but fatal Crentzfeldt-Jakob Disease. The Consumers' Associatioo stood by its advice that the nnly way to avoid the risk of infection was to stop eating beef altogether -tough advice for millinns of Britons brought up on the tradi-

stances." he said.

betweeo Bovine Spongiform

Yeltsin takes anti-NATO

campaign to Norway

France until recently was on the fringes of NATO but in December said it would rejoin

although it would remain out-

side the integrated military com-

Norway has eased self-

imposed Cold War restrictions

on allied troop movements in its

Arctic province of Finnmark,

where NATO concluded maneu-

Before leaving Moscow, Yeltsin said that he would raise

the subject of such exercises in

his talks today with Norwegian

"For example, oot deploying

NATO trnops on Norwegian ter-

ritnry because it is the only

NATO country which has a land

Yeltsio appeared to he in good

health in Osln, walking slowly

hut steadily. He jnked that the trip tn

Nnrway was less arduous than

traversing his nwn country -

"li's not far, it's only two hours,

it's nnt like crassing Russia

frontier with Russia," he said.

Prime Mioister Grn Harlem

vers nn Friday.

Brundtland.

alliance structures

NATO will not be the only issue discussed during Yeltsin's

30-hour visit and he will not be

the only one with warries. His

Norwegian hosts will press for

the safe disposal of nuclear

waste from the Kola peninsula,

home to Russia's Northern

Nnrway shares a 200-km

Arctic frontier with Russia and

fears the danger of massive

nuclear contamination from

spent nuclear-fuel containers

removed from decommissinoed

The Nnrwegian government has said that it will express its

concern at spy charges against Alexander Nikitin, a researcher

with the Norwegian state-aided

Nikitin was arrested in St.

Petersburg last mooth and

charged with espinnage after

Bellnoa prepared a report detail-

iog the piling up of nuclear waste

by the military in Knia and the

He could face the death penal-

threat of radioactive leakage.

ty if fnund guilty.

environmeotal group Bellona.

ciation's director. an exposure in BSE, Dorrell Earlier Dorrell said children, The opposition Labor party raised the political stakes of the

said that on an average Monday they would expect to have 400-500 cattle for sale but this week there was none.

had created a nightmare for farmers and consumers.

Farmers and meat wholesalers view a calf during an auction at the Gloucester Livestock Market. A spokesman for the auctioneers

SUVA, Fiji (AP) - Half a century of nuclear weapon tests formally ended yesterday when the United more," Chan said.

The treaty covers 30 million sq. km. of ocean and tiny islands, some

The blasts ended in January after

The South Pacific Nuclear-Free

1985. It bans the testing, storage and deployment of ouclear

transit of nuclear material or the passage of nuclear-powered and

Minister Julius Chan, who chairs the Forum, welcomed yesterday's

are expected to concluded in Geneva by the end of the year. more skeptical.

### ic competence or at least the runoff elections. Comet draws rave reviews

STARGAZERS across the United States, some lugging telescopes as hig as cannons, gathered under open skies in parks, fields and parking lots and glimpsed Hyakutake, the brightest comet in pass the Earth in 20 years.

"It was so lnng, so clear and beautiful." Sharon Grant, one of

dozens whn waited four chilly hours in the Florida Everglades before spotting Hyakutake's brilliant tail Sunday night. "Simply

spectacular!" "It hits you right between the eyes," said Bill Borsheim, whn viewed Hyakutake through a telescope in a Safeway parking lot io

Everett, Washington. The comet is visible to the naked eye and is just below the Big Dipper. Some have described it as looking like a fuzzy snowball or a candle in mist to those with binoculars - which is how Yuji Hyakutake, a Japanese amateur astronomer, discovered it in January.

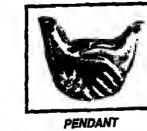
# "Hope" The Jewel of Peace

Beautiful gifts FOR HIM and FOR HER - from the "Hope" collection by the Jerusalem artist Elayne Cohen Ashbey.

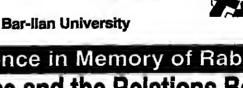
The dove, symbol of peace from time immemorial, is depicted in a handshake - one hand in 24 carat gold,
the other in 205 steeling silver. These heavistiful items express the artists have for a harden at the content of the con the other in 925 sterling silver. These beautiful items express the artist's hope for a better future for all











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### Justified criticism

NTERNAL Security Minister Moshe Shahal has a point: Police Crndr. Alec Ron was out Lof line when he publicly criticized the government's anti-terrorist campaign. Officials in uniform should confine their opinions to closed consultations. But in Ron's defense it must he said that he is hy no means the first uniformed official to commit this kind of indiscretion, and that the issue is so vital that he can be considered more a righteous whistle- hlower than an irresponsible publicity seeker.

Ron's qualifications for making statements on the issue of terrorism are virtually unparalleled. Having served as Jerusalem Border Police chief, he was appointed commander of the Judea-Samaria police district 18 months ago, when it was first established. He is also a member of the special anti-terror committee, formed after the Dizengoff bomhing and headed

hy General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon. Essentially, his criticism echoes what nonprofessional Israelis must have been asking themselves ever since Prime Minister Shimon Peres "declared war" on Hamas. "Why have we waited until now to start blowing up houses?" Ron asked on Sunday. "And why are we waiting with the expulsions?"

### Kohl's nice, dull Germany

T gets harder to visualize Germany without Helmut Kohl. The country has had some If fine leaders in the long 50-year march out of the pits of Nazi horrors, but it is the present chancellor who has done more than any to develop the somewhat dull, avuncular image of a modern Germany preoccupied with mundane internal problems. The compliment may sound somewhat backhanded, but in the special case of Germany, it is one that Kohl should be pleased to receive.

In this weekend's mid-term state elections. Kohl has once again confounded those foolish enough to write his political obituary. The analysts may have had good factual grounds for predicting Kohl would do badly - polls had indeed shown his popularity slumping amid growing worries about the economy, unemployment and the snowballing fiasco of the European monetary union, Germany's pet project in the European Union.

Any untoward development in Germany rings extra-sensitive alarm bells. In recent years prophets of doom have focused on the consequences of the reunification of the two Germanies, on the ugly appearance of skinhead neo-Nazism and xenophobia, and on Germany's growing dominance in the EU. Through it all, Kohl has remained a solid and reassuring presence, taking all setbacks in his formidable political stride. German state elections are somewhat more important nationally than local elections are in most other democracies - the states' representatives comprise the upper house of parliament, the Bundesrat, which can block, legislation passed by the lower house, the Bundestag.

In the three state elections Kohl has once

Asserting that the war on terrorism must not wait for tragedies, he said what Israelis have known for a long time: the struggle against terror is a continuing, mostly preventive war,

which must be pursued relentlessly.

Ron also finds it difficult to understand why Israel is oblivious to the Palestinian Authority's violations of the Oslo agreements. What bothers him most is that the Palestinian Police and other security services move freely in Area B, in which Israel is supposed to have overall security control, without coordinating their movements with Israel. Worse, the PA forces move in Area C, where the PA does not even have civilian authority, without Israel's permission.

Such disregard for the Oslo provisions is obviously aimed at establishing Palestinian military presence throughout the territories. If successful, the Palestinians will render the task of restoring Israeli control in these areas - if and when the pursuit of terrorists warrants it - both difficult and costly.

Shahal may decide that Ron, a candidate for inspector-general, deserves censure for his remarks. But it is far more important that the government take measures which will make these remarks seem superfluous.

again ridden oul the storm brewing over fears of a recession. His governing coalition - the Christian Democrats (CDU) and their junior partner. the Free Democrats (FDP) - have been given a powerful endorsement by the grass roots German voters. The big loser was the main opposition Social Democrats Party (SPD). Kohl's victory over the opposition was all the more heartening because the new national leader of the SPD, Oskar Lafontaine, opted for populism in his election campaign.

The result was encouraging for outsiders because it demonstrated that the German people have no stomach for populism, however mild the brew. As one commentator said yesterday, Helmut Kohl may have some political weaknesses, but they clearly pale in voters' eyes when compared to an opposition that has few strengths. Lafontaine chose to hammer away at themes highlighted as unpopular in the opinion polls - the EU currency union and a wave of new immigrants from the former communist east and Russia.

The SPD received a well-deserved slap on the wrist for indulging in the prevalent modern political game of campaigning on opinion polls rather than on solid party principles. The SPD effectively abandoned its own proper platform of economic management in efforts to woo voters with far-right Republican issues. And the voters showed that while they may be happy to moan about populist issues in their local bars, their votes are too important to be given to those who agree with them for the sake of popularity. This is electoral maturity Europe long wished to see in Germany. That is has become deeprooted is doe in no small measure to Chancellor

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# Logical, but illusory

The Chinese military (formally called the People's Liberation Army) is holding war games near Taiwan and launching missile tests a few kilometers from the Taiwanese coast. Islands off the coast have been evacuated and Taiwan has been running civil defense drills and clearing out shelters in the event of a Chinese nuclear attack.

The cycle of threats and responses familiar from the crises of the Cold War is being repeated. The US has dispatched warships to strengthen deterrence and reminded the Chinese government of "serious consequences" in the event Taiwan is attacked. Chinese Premier Li Peng condemned the presence of America's 7th Fleet and demanded its departure.
US Secretary of Defense

William Perry replied that the US "has the best damned navy in the world, and no one should forget that." That China is a nuclear power, with long-range interconti-nental ballistic missiles capable of striking the US, is always in the background.

This crisis was unexpected, at least among the leaders and analysts who believe that as the economic status of nations increases and they become dependent on foreign investment and trade, they will avoid war.

For the past decade or more China's economic development has accelerated tremendously. from being one of the world's poorest countries, China has experienced one of the fastest economic growth rates in the world.

Foreign investment and international trade have created millions of jobs and raised the standard of living phenomenally. US and Taiwanese investors have fueled this process, investing tens of hillions of dollars in new factories and technology. (According to published estimates, there are about 100,000 Taiwanese citizens residing and doing husiness in China, with investments estimated at \$25 hillion.)

In theory, this economic growth should have served to deter China from engaging in dangerous and

### GERALD M. **STEINBERG**

destabilizing military activity. Surely an attack on Taiwan would be a blatant case of "biting the hand that feeds you.

However, since 1949, when the Nationalist government and its supporters fled to Taiwan, the (mainland) Chinese government has viewed these islands as a breakaway province to be eventu-ally reunited. Economic development and rising standards of living were supposed to reduce the nationalist and ideological factors io policy making. According to the theory of the "New World Order," Chinese leaders would recognize that a war would end foreign investment and trade, leading to massive unemploy-

### Forget the theory linking economic growth to military moderation

ment, declining standards of liv-ing, and political unrest that would threaten the regime.

THE THEORY. however is inconsistent with reality. The Communist has been unwilling to accept Taiwan's democracy and the tentative moves taken hy Taiwan towards de jure independence, even in the face of US economic and even military responses. In the Chinese capital, there is talk about "recapturing lost glory" and challenging the US. Chinese military exercises and threats have already incurred a significant economic cost.

In Washington, the Republican leadership in Congress is threatening to invoke trade sanctions, including ending China's Most Favored Nation status. Even if there is no further escalation, the military tensions in the Pacific region will have a major impact on

relations with the US, Japan, South Korea, and all the other Asia-Pacific states, who will view China with suspicion and caution. These nations are major trading partners for China, and the source of tech-

nology and economic assistance. But none of this has stopped the Chinese from escalating the conflict.

The theory linking economic growth to military moderation isn't confined to relations between China and Taiwan. It is the major concept behind the Oslo agreements and the Arab-Israeli peace process.

Israeli and US government officials have frequently stated their belief that as Palestinian economic development proceeds the causes of terrorism and war, based on nationalism and ideology, will weaken and disappear. They argue that once the Palestinians have something to defend, both politically and economically, they will be careful not to endanger those achievements by resuming "the armed struggle" to destroy Israel.

The theory is logical and optimistic, but inconsistent with all the evidence of international relations. From China, through Serbia, and to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, it is not the logic of economic growth and cooperation that dominates, but the counter-logic of force, power and military capabilities.

Not long ago, Nabil Shaath, one of Arafat's closest advisers and thought to be a leading moderate, warned that if Israel does not Jerusalem, refugees, and borders, "we shall go back to the struggle and strife, as we did for 40 years, and all the acts of violence will return. Except that this time we'll have 30,000 armed Palestinian soldiers who will operate in areas in which we have unprecedented elements of freedom."

Economic development and cooperation are all well and good, but the future of the Middle East, like that of China, will be determined by the balance of military force.

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# Bibi's balloon.\*

YOSEF LAPID

Begin's sarcastic speech didn't impress the Likud Central Committee members last week, chiefly because they didn't understand it. When Begin declared that David Levy would look after the welfare of the Chechens, they looked at one another as if wondering whether Begin had gone .

off his rocker. But the implication was clear: If Levy claims that he cares about the welfare of the nation and yet demands that he be given the Foreign Ministry, just which nation is he concerned about?

On the pild side to Reecon in love

Everyone congratulated Bibi Netanyahu on his slick staging: The hlue-and-white halloons floated down from the ceiling right on time. Unity was achieved, and the hall reeked of sweaty camaraderie.

Around 2,000 enthusiastic supporters cheered the finished prodconfident that the Bihi/David/Raful team would lead the Likud to victory, with security and peace.
It wasn't just David Levy who

had come home. The Likud was itself again. Hearts overflowed. Bibi Netanyahu was preaching to the converted again. But election victories aren't

won among the party faithful, who are already in Bibi's pocket. Victory depends on the floating vote, which is further left than the Likud Central Committee. The floating vote didn't come to the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds. It stayed home and foi-

lowed the whole gaudy spectacle with amused alienation. The floating vote was looking

for a message It's fine and dandy that the right

is united, and we all know behind whom they are united - but we don't know behind what they are What is the message? What

will Bihi do the morning after he wins the election? How does he plan to ensure peace and security? How will be stop terrorism? Will he have a different army, a different police force, a different nation?

Bibi says he has a different strategy, and the floating vote asks, what strategy?

The floating vote is generally intelligent. It is only floating because it is making up its mind.
Only thinking people make up
their minds – and while they re
doing it they demand logical arguments. They need to be presented with a program which contains more than hlind aspira-

### Election victories aren't won among the party faithful. What about the floating vote?

SOMEONE once said that all the professors in the country wouldn't fill one laboratory, but they could tip the scales in the next election. He meant thinking people, the sort who are capable of understanding Benny Begin's involved thought processes and can read Dan Meridor's hitter smile correctly.

If Bibi Netanyahu loses these elections, it will be because be has lost the vote of sensible people who aren't the property of any party and aren't hought by charisma and aren't overly impressed hy American gimmicks, but who are painfully perplexed and seriously searching for reasonable answers to the problems gnawing at all our beartstrings.

forgive artificial displays of unity, because they know that politics is the profession of impossible people.

But they aren't prepared to vote for hollow slogans. Neither Raful's outspoken straightfor-wardness, Levy a hackneyed populism, nor a talking waxwork like Netanyahu will win over the

won over hy reasoned answers to what Internet terminology calls FAQ - frequently asked questions

The intelligent voter who realizes that Yossi Sarid is a matrushka doll containing nothing but more Yossi Sarids, the intelligent voter disappointed by the impotence of Amnon Ruhinstein as the representative of North Tel Aviv; the intelligent voter concerned by the gap between Shimon Peres's vision and reality - he represents the floating vote that Bibi

And it should be obvious that . an intelligent person of this kind won't he voting for a balloon, whether floating down from the ceiling, or swelling up from the

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### COLLECTIVE **PUNISHMENT'**

Sir, - We are told that the closure is "collective punishment." Far more severe sanctions are a normal feature of international relations. The US and other countries deny landing rights and operate trade sanctions against Libya because it has not extradited the Lockerbie bomhers. Trade sanctions were imposed against Serbia by many countries and recently the US Congress has legislated very severe penalties against private companies operating in Cuba. An international boycott has been imposed on Iraq creating a shortage of food, medicine and other essentials resulting in reports of malnutrition and an inability of hospitals to provide proper treatment.

The purpose of these sanctions has been clearly stated, namely to force the offending country to comply or, as in the case of Cuba, to punish it; our purpose is security. We continue to supply food and other essentials and yet our refusal to allow foreigners into our country because of the justifiable fear of terrorism is described as "collective punishment." STANLEY LAUFER Herzliya.

AGAINST THE LAW Sir, - D'vora Ben Shaul's recent article on the danger of dog packs

was most interesting. A few weeks ago, a veterinarian appeared on Israel TV news together with his fine rottweiler dog. I admired the dog, but was saddened to note the animal wore neither a collar nor name plate, which I always believed was required by law. Surely, a TV studio counts as a public place. Upper Nazareth. ANNE KAYE

### TRAFFIC JAMS

Sir, - What a miserable, carping. whining article from Jay Bailey ("Footing the Bill", March 17). So what if Jerusalem had a "had traffic day" when Clinton came. He hrought with him for a hrief moment a respite from our worries and sorrows of the past few weeks. He came bursting with good wishes and good intentions and shed a ray of hope on our gloomy prognosis of the future. Well, of course, Jay, he did play havoc with schedules by (so selfishly!) defying the advice of his security people by insisting on visit-ing the Jerusalem school which had suffered the tragic loss of four of its

Incidentally, in case Jay thinks I speak as one uninvolved, I travel to my work in Jerusalem every day, and on the day in question I found myself sitting in a virtually unmoving traffic jam on the approach to Jerusalem with a radiator rapidly reaching boiling point, due to a broken thermostat.

PAMELA LEVENE Moshav Tal Shahar.

# BEFORE

Sir, - It is not at all surprising that "Westernized" and "moderate" Nabil Shaath, the PA's planning minister and chief negotiator, threatens a return to the "armed struggle." A year hefore the Rahin-Arafat handshake, Shaath told an Arab reporter that if he hears of an agreement between the PLO and Isracl, he should be assured that it is merely transitional. "We shall never depart from our ultimate goal," he said.

JULIAN WHITE

SHAATH SAID IT

NO, MR. PRESIDENT!

Sir. - It was with no small amount of embarrassment and dismay that I found myself wimessing President Weizman's official saub of a visiting dignitary on March 13. It was simply bad manners on the president's part not to meet President Bill Clinton at Ben-Gurion Airport and excuses such as "official welcomes are made at Beit Hanassi" are seen for what they are - lame excuses for had manners. We have an outspoken and

grumpy old man representing the state who, unfortunately, has been unable to curb his tongue on more than one occasion. President Clinton's short and tightly scheduled visit to the region brought much light and happiness to the nation at a time of darkness and gloom following the recent bombings. The boost to morale given to the injured and their families and to the schoolchildren was seen hy many as far more important than taking time out to

visit our president. Sometimes, one has to set protocol aside for the good of the nation.

RICHARD KNOTT

KEEP GOING

Sir, - I am deeply saddened and troubled by the latest bombing in Jerusalem. But it would be even more devastating to stop the peace process now. Keep it going!

Israel has come through worse times, and come through them fighting and winning. A few manuacs must not destroy what most of the people of Israel, and most Palestinans, I am sure, do want most: peace.

JOSEPH PESCH Freiburg, Germany.

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the police, military and intelligence offensive on Hamas and other related organizations doesn't really deal with the problem of terror. Sending terrorists to prison doesn't solve anything, since there will always be others to take their place.

Terror movements feed on poverty and fear. They cannot exist without the active and passive collaboration of at least part of the population.

Hamas's leaders exploit Palestinian poverty cleverly, allocating part of their funds for social welfare. They maintain kinder-gartens and schools, solving a difficult problem for parents with large families and scant resources. They teach and feed the children, inculcating them with their ideol-

Among the adult population, their volunteers distribute clothing, supply health care and occasionally offer financial aid.

They fight against the use of drugs, and preach strict orthodox behavior within the family. But they also intimidate those who don't go along with them, torturing and murdering those who disobey. To achieve success in the war

against Hamas, the battle must be fought on its territory. Together with security operations, resources need to be earmarked for economic and social welfare campaigns, to run parallel to Hamas's.

Children need to be fed and taught in schools where peaceful coexistence is preached. Their parents need to be assisted and protected from intimidation. this situation by creating jobs for Moderate religious leaders must Palestinians living in the West

A vested interest in peace

be encouraged to speak up. Such an educational and welfare approach is in many ways far more difficult to implement than a security campaign. It is a longterm project requiring devotion and persistence. Its goal: to win over the confidence of the Palestinian population and persuade them, on the strictly personal level, that the most advantageous thing is to live with the Israelis in peaceful coexistence.

Israel can beat Hamas at its own game by creating jobs and sponsoring social welfare

UNEMPLOYMENT is the number one problem in Gaza and the West Bank. The lack of paying jobs causes misery and discontent, creating fertile ground for terror-

Hamas is not in a position to create jobs. On the contrary: their people are perceived as johdestroyers, cursed silently every time their misdeeds lead to the imposition of a curfew and loss of livelihood loss for thousands of Palestinians.

Israel could take advantage of

Bank and Gaza, preferably withoot them crossing the Green Line. In this, it could certainly count on financial and moral support from the US and many other countries.

The border between the West Bank, Gaza and Israel runs for about 300 kilometers. Our experience, and that of other countries, has been that no fence can keep hungry people away from a prosperous labor market. The East Germans had to build a massive wall with barbed wire, dogs and guards prepared to shoot anyone attempting to cross over to the West.

As a democracy, Israel cannot and will not use such extreme measures. But it could create, at points along the border, industrial zones with labor-intensive factories where more than 100,000 Palestinian men and women could earn a living. Some of our industrialists have

already started exporting jobs to Jordan and Egypt, taking advantage of low salaries there. Were the government to encourage and assist the establishment of industries on the Israeli side of the border with the autonomy, neighbors' energy could be channeled into constructive occupations. They would have a vested interest in the peace process.

They would become the best anti-terrorist barrier, while generating great economic benefit to Israel and the autonomy alike. This, linked to a health-care and welfare campaign spells hope for permanent peaceful coexistence.

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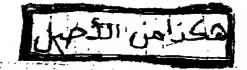
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The author is an editorial writer for Ma'ariv.

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# Invitation to the trance: UK band faces acid test

OPULAR music has long been associated with drugs. From booze and the blues, to marijuana and rock 'n' roll, to cocaine and the disco scene, musicians and musiclovers often describe the positive effects drugs and music have when mixed. So it's no surprise that as music develops and changes the accompanying drug of choice should change too.

For many clubbers who like to dance to the monotonous, pounding beat of trance music. LSD and Ecstasy are an inextriexperience.

Simon Barry, whose Londonbased group Union Jack, The Art of Trance will perform at Tel Aviv's Hangar No. 11 on March 29, makes no bones about the link between his music and drugtaking. "Psychedelic trance music works perfectly with acid [LSD], said the 25-year-old musician in a phone interview from Loodon. The hallucinogen "is a very conscious drug and the is mind-expanding. Coupled with acid, the music causes the mind to wander in

were to drink a pint [of beer]."

But Zev Eizek, producer of Union Jack's upcoming performance, said that while there is a connection between drugs and trance music, listening tu it does not necessitate taking illegal substances.

There is definitely an indirect relationship. But I don't see any connection between people who love music and people who have to take drugs to love music." he said. "God forbid you would come to listen to trance music and then feel you have to go find

a [drug] dealer to take something.'

Over the past few years, the mono-rhythm trance music which is characterized by having four beats to the bar played at regular intervals with the tempo of the music set at 120-150 beats per minute - has captivated the international club scene, where people pulsate to heavy music atall-night dance parties.

"The music is big largely because it's appealing to dance

to. It's nice to be bypnotized on a dance floor." said Barry, explaining that the repetitious rhythms send people into a trance-like

The success is largely due to the fact that the music people listen to in clubs works in harmony with narcotic substances."

Recorded trance music is created by linking 20 to 30 synthesizers to a computer, which then follows programmed instructions regarding the choice of keyboard to be played and the intonations' modifications.

Live trance music combines

ed music. The two-year-old Union Jack group adds ingredients such as conga drums and vocals that softeo the droning

There are a lot of melodies. vocals, and ethnic instruments," Barry said. "People who aren't necessarily into trance could get into our stuff. But there are styles of music that you can only hear when you're in [a drug-induced] state in a club."

While the chemicals associated with trance music are all illegal and several deaths at clubs in with drugs, Barry said none of the clubs be has played in have been raided by police, and, he insists, the positive aspects of combining trance music with psychedelic drugs far outweigh

the negative ones. "[Fatal] cases are far and few between," he said. "The media exaggerated it beyond necessity.

"If you go to a club where acid is being taken, you won't see any fighting: only a positive attitude

### On the mild side: Lou Reed in love

**NEW RELEASES** TIRZAH AGASSI

"uneful" is not the first word that generally springs to mind when thinking of Lou Reed. He's not a singalong kioda guy. Nonethetess there is something so compelling about the insistent honesty of his voice, and the often angry wit of his lyrics that people do sing

There were those who complained about the emptiness of his acoustic set at Peter Gabriel's "peace show" here a few years

This reviewer, on the other hand, was amazed at the way he nonebalantly faced the thousands at Yarkon Park on stage complete-

Beside me sat a group of Israeli kids of not yet army age, singing along word for word... even to his songs about cancer.

Lou Reed is great because he's never a "filler." He's always saying something, always facing. things head on, whether bisexuality as in "Take A Walk On the Wild Side," addiction as in "Heroin," or death by cancer as in "Magic and Loss." In Set The Twilight Reeling (Hed Arzi). Reed, who is over 50, faces falling madly in love.

"I want a trade in/ A 14th chance at this life/ I met a woman with a thousand faces/ And I want to make her my wife."

 He goes so far as to write these lyrics all over his face in black ink, "In the pocket of the heart, in the rushing of the blood/ In the muscle of my sex, in the mindful found man and set the twilight reeling."

The sentiments are there. But dnn't expect a Rirromantic Bryan Adams-style gift wrap. The flat, fat, avant-garde guitar that predates the various young white "alternative" sounds of today is

still evident. But it's mellowed. At one point Reed really does go so far as to bring in some sweet Latin embell-



Having sung about the underside of life for most of his career, Lou Reed is now waxing lyrical about a woman and egg creams.

ishments. And he's actually lined just might get to you. odd kind of harmony. In its own subtle way, the music really

moves. It's not the kind of sound with mass appeal. But there are plenty who will enjoy the abundant attitude of freedom songs full of vocabulary best not printed in this paper. A song about the love of Brooklyn egg creams will not be to everybody's taste. But if you know what he's talking about it

up a chorus of friends singing an Though there is often a droning quality to the music, it is also rich and beautiful, with a bass-line that gets under your skin. And his lack of vocal range is made up for by the emotional range of his spoken song. It's good to hear him struggling with a complicated love and feeling so keenly alive.

IT'S too bad that the same can't be said for the remaining Beatles. Their comeback extravaganza has

turned sour. It had to bappen. vision spectacular was indeed mass public consumption, before somebody starts to gel irritated?

In this case "somebody" is the British pop station BBC Radio I which refused to play the second "new" Beatles single "Real Love," because it is of "insufficient ment."

The song in itself is actually not bad, but the hype has been overdone. The Beatles Anthology tele-

How long can you get away with releasing archive material for fans are such diebards that they really want to bear a recording of the rebearsal for "I'm Only Sleeping."

The Beatles Anthology 2 (NMC) is interesting listening for serious students eager to understand the group's dynamic as they developed in the studio. Otherwise, one would do better to invest in the music they saw fit to release in the

The performances were by

young musicians, the eocourage-

meni of wbom was always a

major concern of Rosolio. Works

included a Bacb sooata for flute

and keyboard (Peter and Gregory

Shifrin), Fauré's Sicilienne, arranged for flute and barp (Gitit

Alpert), Beethoven's Piano Sonata Les Adieux (Masha Spikovsky) and Schumann's Andante and Variations for two

pianos (Irit Kotler, Gregory

The versarility and iotegrity of

Rosolio's fascinaong personality were eulogized by Chief Justice

Targ Music Center, Jerusalem,

Ury Eppstein

Shifrin).

Gavriel Bacb.

March 16.

HE latest offering by the combined Batsheva companies - Dance and Ensemble

- at the Suzanne Dellal Theater in Tel Aviv (March 21) was not only a reaffirmation of their past successes but also a demonstration of aspects of modern dance at its

method.

Angeline Preljocaj's White Tears (with music by Bach, Palestrina and Purcell) provided more than a hint of its period sertiog in moves and costume, yet the dance was thoroughly of now.

Jiri Kylian's Six Dances (with music by Mozart) included touches of 18th-ceotury costume io the ruffs and ruffles, and was a fun piece, slightly satirical at times.

else: senous, dramaoc, backed by with sumptuous, beavy costumes

It's very good from a peace point

# Monodrama prize is a head-scratcher

THEATER REVIEW

**NAOMI DOUDAI** Seventh ThenterNetw Festival at Neveh Tædek, Artistic Oirector, Izzik Weingarten, Manager, Ya'acov Agmon, in collaboration with the Habimah National Theater, and the

ere is last week's random sampling of four unimpressive TheaterNetto events. They ioclude the winner of the annual Nissim Azikri competition. First prize was awarded to Shmuel Vilojzny for his Jew in Darkness (Yehudi Behoshech). Yonatan Ben-Nahum's adaptation of Oren Neeman's Vidu'i. Direction, Shmuel Vilojzny; design, Iris Retinsky; music, Ronen Ben-David; lighting, Natan Pantuno.)

While there is no denying the grandeur of the audiovisual effects lavished by Habimah on the latter production, or the impact of Vilojzny's charm and talent as an entertainer, why he should be named the winner bere is a puzzle. From his prologue (an unabashed audience come-on delivered in his inimitable standup comedy style) to bis frandcally romanoc reoderiog of a Marrano priest, victim of the Spanisb Inquisition, Vilojzny's study is unconvincing because it is totally unauthentic,

In his superficial treatment, the sacred and the sensual are indiscriminately switched with morbid patches of erotica and melodrama. More disappointing, the significant spiritual and deeply Jewisb

Shimon Lev-Ari's treatment of the Oedipus myth and Sophocles' play in Oedipus in the Skies (text, Shimon Lev Ari: direction, Edna Shavit; tighting, Amir Breuner) is original and, if somewhat academic, interesting intellectually, His presentation is distinguished by the perfect diction, well-judged pacing and noteworthy restraint of highly accomplished actor. Those whose grasp of the holy tongue is little more than basic may, however, find his high

Hebrew heavy going. ldit Tepperson, on the contrary. overdoes her rendering of Bedmai Yamehu ("In the Prime of Life"), one of Agnon's most inuching love stories. (Direction and adaptation, Yoram Falk; set, Mojshik Josefov: costumes, Michal Lior; music, Effie Shoshanni. Hasifriya Theater production.) The sacred and the sensual inform this highly psychological monodrama too. It Tepperson's feeling for the rich mishnaic Hebrew text is sincere, her performance as narrator shows strain.

Bahat Klatchky carries The House on the Verge... (Habayit Holech Lihiyot) based on Lili Perry's novel, (direction, Yoram Gal) with inexhaustible drive. As the "abused" daughter of this confessional, she shows herself worthy of the chance to go solo that TheaterNetto offers its participants. A striking stage presence, though hampered by an ofter elements of the text are glibly banal and over-attenuated text glossed over.

## Batsheva troupes team up, beautifully

DANCE REVIEW DORA SOWDEN

The two guest choreographers and their own Ohad Naharin demonstrated how to achieve a strong performance: clear-cut. individual yet so notably linked in style and so bigbly professional in attack that they could be said to form a kind of "scbool" of

pure parody at others.

Naharin's Arbus was something Ivo Partos's oratorical music, and that conveyed a sense of story.

The dancing was brilliant

throughout. TO MARK and honor the publicadon of a book (in Hebrew) on Yemenite Jewish culture by Naomi and Avner Bahat, an evening of Yemenite dance and song was arranged by Ayala Goreo at the Wise Auditorium at

Jerusalem's Hebrew University (March 19) with the two authors in attendance to explain their They sat at a side table on the platform while eight men in traditional white robes sang and danced to the music that they themselves created with voices

and drums. Their authenticity and skill were fascinating. In the second half of the evening a larger group of women and men in rich bejeweled garments

danced and sang. The choreograpby was elaborate, and included the entry of the women with trays of flowers and flickering candles on their beads. This is the material from which

Sara Levi-Tanai fashioned her inimitable Inbal Theater," said a member of the audience, which joined the dancers on the stage. Alas, the wonderful Inbal Theater itself has now been closed down.

### Time flies at the first edition of Tempus Fugit his favorite music was presented CONCERT ROUNDUP in a coocert at the center.

ONTEMPORARY music is an uninved stepchild on the local scene: even Israeli composers are denied their rightful opportunities. But Tempus Fugir. a biennial contemporary-music festival presented by the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. is changing all that. In this its first year, there were 18 concerts over four days, featuring no fewer than 65 compositions, many of them Israeli.

The driving force behind this development is Avigayil Arnheim, director of music at the museum. While persuading various authorities to contribute to the budget, she appointed the US-based composer Israeli. Shulamit Ran artistic director. This proved a brilliant chnice.

The audience, at first scarce, gradually filled the halls and galleries.

Among the artists from abroad, one of the standouts was the great American singer Phyllis Bryn-Julson who, together with the remarkable American violinist Violain Melancon, managed to do full justice to the monumental 80-minute work Kafka Fragments by the Hungarian

Composer Gyorgy Kurtag.

The performances by clarinetist Charles Neidich - both his recital with piantst Victor Derevianko. and the final concert (with the Israel Chamber Orchestra conducted by Noam Sheriffi, of a work by the Japanese composer Teriyaki Suzuki - were a delight.

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Another momentous event was the performance of Excursions by Shulamit Ran's trio. While Ran's trio is deeply rooted in the chamber-music tradition of Beethoven, Brahms and Schoenberg, its style is contemporary. The explosive performance projected an immense

amount of energy. Three Israeli orchestras and ensembles each played a great local composition. The Israel Camerata Rehovot under Itai Talgam gave a wonderful rendition of Seter's now-classical Ricercar 11960). The Musica Nova Consort, with Betty Olivero's exciting Presence (1986), was a wonderful synthesis of regional elements and con-

temporary sound patterns conducted by Denis Cohen. And Yinam Leet's masterpiece for also oboe and string orchestra. Threads of Time and Distance (1995) based on texts by Orna Ellstein and Rivka Miriam, was entrusted to veteran alto Mira Zakai, to the excellent young German oboist Gabriela Bukobski and the Camerata Women's String Orchestra conducted by Menahem Nebenhaus.

Leef's music is deeply moving. It is also deeply rooted in the region and its lyricism and occusional operatic pathos are trre-

sistible. A thrilling reading of a Schniuke sonata by Israeli cellist Mikhail Khomitser and piamst Derevianko also deserves

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Not everything was such a delight. The music of Arik Shapira, Raviv Gazit, Amnun Wollman and Chaja Chemowin was an altrent to the intelligence. h's unbelievable that the worldfanious Ardini String Quanet whose concert with works by Seter, Carter, Brian Ferneyhough and Ligeri was another highlight of the festival - wastes its time with Chernowin's sheer non-Tel Aviv Museum, March 18,

19, 20 and 21. Benjamin Bar-Am

VADIM MONASTYRSKI shows in his Friday concerts in Ein Kerem that he is a pianist of stature. His playing refutes conventional generalizations regarding present-day Russian pianists' alleged hard touch and predominantly technical approach.

His touch can indeed be harsh and explosive, but only when required, for example, to create a contrast with the preceding snunds of Kopyimao's Alliteration. It can, likewise, be forcefully percussive, in the manner characteristic of the early Bartok Piano Sonata (1926). Here, too, it alternates with a delicately calm tone in the slow, relaxed movement.

He produced a delightfulty soft touch in Shostakovich's Prelude and Fugue op. 87/14, evoking the meditative mood frequently prevailing in this composer's later In Liszl's Piano Sonata in B

minor, pathetic and over-dramatie as it is, Mouastyrski displayed an amazingly rich palette of tonal colors, from the subtlest pianissimo to overpowering sononties, delivered with powerful temperamental expression alternating with delicate lyricism. His virtuosity and ability to build up tension were brillians. Turg Music Center, Jerusalem,

March 22. Ury Eppstein

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Shaul Rosolio, the former chairman of the Targ Music Center who died four years ago, some of

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# leaves rates unchanged

INTEREST rates next month will remain at their current level, the Bank of Israel said yesterday io its announcement of the monetary program for April.

The ceotral bank's short-term rate was set last month at 14 percent, when it was raised by 30 basis points.

The decisioo follows two higher-than-expected monthly climbs in the Cost of Living Index, each by 90 basis points, which led some analysts to expect another tightening move by Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel.

The bank said the decision not to change its monetary policy stemmed from a need to further gauge the impact of receotly released indicators, including an

increase in the public's inflationary expectations and high budget deficits over the first two mooths

government's budget deficit must not be allowed to exceed its annual target, 2.5% of GDP, the bank said.

The economy's levels of demand seem higher than necessary, as reflected in increased coosumptioo and retail commerce, as well as the growth in the current-account deficit, the ceotral bank

The bank added that the economic impact of the closure oo traffic between Israel and territories controlled by the Palestinian Authority has yet to express itself in the macro-economic indicators.

## Intel gets final OK to build plant in Kiryat Gat

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

THE government has giveo final approval to Intel Corporation's plan to build a \$1.6 billion semiconductor plant in Kiryat Gat, the Treasury announced yesterday.

After mooths of wrangling over the size of the capital investment grant the government would offer Intel, the two parties agreed that Israel would give the originally stipulated grant of 38 percent in exchange for Intel's commitmeet to buy Israeli goods and services for its local and international branches.

The \$608 millioo Intel will receive will go toward a wafer fabrication plant that will make memory chips for the storage of electronic data. Finance Minister Avraham Sbobat said Intel is expected to provide employment for 2,500 people once the company is running at full capac-

ity and will export \$1b. per year. In order to stay ahead of heavy competition, Intel—the world's largest producer of microprocessors, with 75% of the market and more than "\$115 in sales—has continually earmarked billions of dollars for investment limits facilities, equipment and research and development pro-

Last year, Intel invested \$100m. in upgrading its motherboard operations, and two years ago the company opened new plants in Ireland and the US, including a \$1.3b. chip factory in Arizona.

The amount of goods and services Intel will be required to purchase bas not yet been announced.

# Bank of Israel 'Alter type of state aid for pension funds'

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE crisis in the provident fund sector is due to the government's decisioo to give the pension funds special state bonds. Israel Discount Bank chairman Gideon Lahav said vesterday at the bank's annual press conference.

Lahav called on the government to subsidize savings for pensions through a direct budget method. instead of issuing pensioo funds with special government bonds with subsidized yields.

The method chosen, that is issuing bonds which have a guar-anteed yield, is a method which is damaging to the capital market in general and directly damages provideot fund depositors, Lahav said. This has already happened.

is not possible to gauge the magquality nor in quantity. At the end of 1995, Discount

Now that another change in pension rights is being discussed, alternative methods should be considered, and the simple and its voting rights.
The bank's share in the net direct method is a budget

Commeoting on proposals regarding amendment II to the bank law, which will force Bank Discount to self all its holdings in First International Bank, Lahav said it will cause much damage

and no good. "The bank forecasts that implementation of the government's decisions and the discussed legislatioo is likely to hinder the bank in the future," Lahav said. "But it nitude of the damage - neither in

held 26.4% of First International Bank's share capital and 11.1% of

income of First International fell to NIS 38.1m. from NIS 40m. The proposed law will also have an effect on the bank's holdings in

Israel Credit Cards (ICC), which issues Visa credit cards. At the end of 1995, the bank owned 35% of ICC share capital and the rights to appoint 50% of its directors. Discount's share in

the net income of ICC increased international company based in Switzerland as part of a partnership agreement, sources in the food industry said.

> greement, the foreign company will cooperate in production and distribution of frozeo products. Clai Industries currently owns 57.2% of the frozen food manu-

Sunfrost ended the year with a net loss of NIS 7.09m., compared with a net loss of NIS 1.69m. in

Management hlamed the loss on a reduction in commissions from distribution activities, partly as a result of the company's decisioo

Clal Ind. in talks to sell holdings

**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

Bezeq and the New York telecommunications company NYNEX are looking into the possibility of cooperating on the worldwide

are looking into the possibility of cooperating on the worldwide cable project FLAG and in the technology for sending films to consumers over phone lines. Bezeq chairman Gurion Meltzer and director-general Yitzhak Kaul met in New York yesterday with NYNEX tor-general Yitzhak Kaul met in New York yesterday with NYNEX managing director Ivan Zandberg to discuss the project. They are managing director Ivan Zandberg to discuss the project. They are managing a gathering of 300 financial analysts and investors on the atteoding a gathering of 300 financial analysts and investors on the financial aspects of telecommunications firms. It was organized by Mertill-Lynch, which is coordinating Bezeq's upcoming stock issue to the world markets.

in Sunfrost

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CLAL Industries, a subsidiary of to cease distribution of Tivol and Mili products..... Clal Israel, is negotiating to sell some of its holdings in frozen-The losses were also due to a food producer Sunfrost to an rise in financing expenses to NIS 2.99m. from NIS 1.05m., mainly because of the increase in interest

The net losses were also blamed on losses of NIS 4.15m., resulting According to the proposed from the company's share in the losses of Goldsun, a frozen vegetable and fruit producer in

rates on short-term loans.

Hungary.
After the reported period, Sunfrost decided to invest another Sim. in Goldsun in an attempt to help the company solve its liquidity problems. Sunfrost has a 35% stake in Goldsun.

Sales fell to NIS 143.1m. from NIS 157.6m. in 1994. Cost of sales decreased to NIS 107.8m. from NIS 126.1m.

# **Industrial plants** along Jerusalem's seam hurt by closure

INDUSTRIAL plants located along the seam in greater Jerusalem have suffered NIS 7, million in losses due to the closure preventing some 800 workers from the territories coming to work, according to Sheika chairman of the Altovia. Manufacturers Association

Jerusalem district. Altuvia said yesterday that total are NIS 400,000 each day.

Accumulated losses in both Atarot and Talpiot total NIS 4.7m. and in Ma'aleh Adumim about NIS 4.7m.

In Misbor Adumin, where there was an easing of the closure over a week ago, the accumulated loss has reached NIS 2.4m.

Speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem oo the occasion of Industrial Day in Jerusalem, Altuvia said the majority of industrial firms in the capital have not suffered heavy losses, since they are less dependent on workers

Altuvia called on the government to solve the Seam-Line areas employment and economic prob-lems of figures located along the seam. He Emphasized that the government encouraged firms to set up in the area to increase Israeli-Palestinian cooperation in the industrial field.

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In Atarot, Altuvia proposed setting up similar conditions to those the industrial areas of Ezez. Barkan and Mishor Adumim, or to move the checkpoint to the municipal boundaries.

"It is absurd that Arab resideots living in the area are not allowed to work in the factories," said Altırvia. About 1,600 workers are employed in Atarot, 1,800 io Mishor Adumim and 1,500 in

Before the closure, there was a shortage of 300 workers in Atarot. 320 in Mishor Adumim and 200 in Talpiot. Total annual turnover is about NIS 300m. in Atarot, NIS 350m. in Misbor Adumim and NIS 250m. in Talpiot.



A grim reaper entertains some of the several thousand health care workers gathered in a Prague square yesterday to protest against low salaries and the government's health care policy.

# Israel Discount Bank reports rise in annual net income

ISRAEL Discount Bank, the country's third largest bank, yes-terday reported a 9.7 percent growth in oet income last year to NIS 243.4 millioo from NIS 221.9m. in 1994.

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grew 16.3% to NIS 37.25 billioo

from 1994. At the eod of March, Discount's shares returned to trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange following the government's sale of 8% of the bank's shares and options for an additional 8% of the shares. Income from financing activities before provisions for doubtful

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debts increased 19.1% to NIS 2.059b, from NIS 1.729b, the previous year. The rise is mainly a result of a significant growth of financiog activity io the con-

linked shekel sector. The provisioo for doubtful debts almost doubled to NIS 283.5m. from NIS 148.5m. Management said doubtful debts did not characterize any particular sector.

Operating and other income fell 7.1% to NIS 826.8m. from NIS

The decline resulted mainly from a contraction in activity in the primary and secondary capital markets, and a decline in the value of securities portfolios of customers of the bank.

Operating and other expenses increased 4.1% to NIS 2.08b. from NIS 2b. Total assets increased to NIS

69.88b. from NIS 65.13b. at the end of last year.

### from the territories. DMAtex suffers net losses of \$3.4 million

HIGH-TECH systems bouse DMAtek, the first Israeli company admitted to the Alternative Investment Market of the Londoo Stock Exchange, reported net losses last year of \$3.46 million, compared with oet losses of \$988,000 m 1994.

Annual reveoues went up to \$785,000 from \$212,000.

The losses were in lice with projections at the time of floatation, said chairman Bernard Garbacz. who noted the fourth quarter oet loss of \$663,000 "was greatly reduced compared to those incurred in the previous three

quarters."
"During 1995 the emphasis of the group changed from product development to marketing and sales, said Garbacz, who added that benefits were beginning to be seen. "All net proceeds from our recent placing oo AI are being [used] in expanding the marketing and development of the groups activities," he added.

DMAtek's two maio subsidiaries are Elmo Tech aod Advanced Visioo Technology.

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RACHEL NEIMAN Elmo Tech recently concluded negotiation for distribution of its electrooic monitoring systems for

Yehuda Wire Mesh posted net profits of NIS 5.5m. last year, compared with net losses of NIS 719,000 in 1994. Revenues weot up to NIS 113m.

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from NIS 93m. Fourth quarter net losses were NIS 703,000, compared with net profits of NIS 2.2m. in the same period in 1994.

Quarterly revenues rose to NIS 70.4m. from NIS 35.3m. In 1994, the company experienced NIS 3.15m. in losses on trade securities. Consolidated reveoues rose 159% to NIS 248.7m. from NIS

95.8m. due to the takeover of Ram Metals by subsidiary Yehuda Off Tene Industries reported oet losses of NIS 593,000 last ear,

compared with net losses of NIS 3.8m. in 1994. Reveoues went up to NIS 129m. from NIS 112.66m.

Losses were attributed to net

losses of NIS 892,000 in the second quarter, due to a drop in profitablity of turkey products. Last year the company invested NIS 5.82m. in property, plant and equipment, including trucks for distribution. Off Tene is in the

process of converting its product line from frozen to chilled. The company operates 12

CORRECTION

Results published on this page yesterday pertained to Africa-Israel Hotels and not as printed.

slaughterhouses, the largest of which is the Tnuva-affiliated Off

Off Teoe estimates its share of the poultry market at some 10%-11%. of which 61.6% are chicken and 38.4% turkey.

Retail chains make up some

22% of annual turnover; the company is not primarily dependent on a specific customer.

Compulite Research and Development suffered a fall in net profits to NIS 158,000 from NIS 412,000. Reveoues fell to NIS 14.9m. from NIS 17m., while earnings per share fwent down to NIS 0.05 from NIS 0.13.

Research and development costs rose to NIS 415,000 from NIS 324,000. Exports, which make up 90% of the firm's activity, fell to NIS 13.5m. from NIS 14.4m. Sales to the local market fell to NIS 1.4m. from NIS 2.6m.

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# Unchanged interest rates send shares up

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



Maof index

STOCKS rose yesterday following three days of losses after the Bank of Israel said it would leave interest rates unchanged.

Gains were led by Bank Hapoalim, which rose two percent after an economist said the bank was trading at a relatively low price compared to its earnings.

The bank, the country's largest in terms of assets, expects to announce fourth-quarter earnings on April 1.

The Maof Index rose 0.37% to 204.96 and the Two-Sided went up 0.32% to 195.30.

Of 992 issues trading across the exchange, six shares fell for every five that rose. Some NIS 80 millioo worth of sbares traded, NIS 20.5m. above Sunday's level and about even with month's average trading level.

The central bank's decision to leave the rate at which it lends to banks unchanged at 14% "wasn't that much of a surprise, but it had a positive effect," said Dror Kraus, a broker with Tel Aviv investment firm Koor InvestThe Baok of Israel last

changed interest rates on February 1, when it raised the rate at which it lends to banks 0.3 percentage points. Investors had been concerned

that the bank would raise rates after the Consumer Price Index went up a higher-than-expected 0.9% in both January and Running at a rate of 11% to

12% annually, this year's inflation is exceeding 1995's 8.1% rate and this year's target of 8-10%. Other gaining shares on the

Maof lodex included Bezeq, which rose 1.75% in late trading as investors bet the company's plans to sell shares on foreign stick exchanges later this year would boost prices. Bezeq hopes to raise \$500-\$600

million from the sale of 26% of the company, announced in July 1995 and originally scheduled for the fourth quarter last year.

While no date for the sale has yet been announced, it is expected in the second quarter this year.

### FTSE falls 25 points on 'mad-cow' scare WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Shares closed lower as worries over the impact of the "mad cow" scare weighed on sectiment and a dozen FTSE-100 stocks went ex-

Some food stocks were among the biggest decliners as the FTSE-100 dropped 25.1 points to 3,681.9, wiping out Friday's

FRANKFURT - Shares closed trade just off all-time highs as the favorable outcome from the sentiment on the German share market.

The IBIS DAX Index of 30 blue-chips closed trade up 34.96 points, or 1.41 perceot, at 2,514.80. Earlier the DAX closed floor trade at an all-time high of 2,510.32, op 6.30 poiots, or

PARIS - Shares rallied sharply, closing above 2,000 points for the first time since March 7, as the bourse tracked strong gains in US and German financial markets.

The CAC-40 Index closed up 29.48. or 1.49%, at 2,003.83 after breaching resistance at the 2,000-

ZURICH - Shares closed higher as investors once again sought the shares of Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz, which earlier this mooth aonounced they would merge into Novartis, a new pharmaceu-

ticals giant.
But dealers cautioned that investors might sooo start swapping pharmaceutical shares into insurance shares because of the higher potential for gaios. The broad SPI ended 14.67 points higher at

TOKYO - Stocks retained the gains they made in the morning and closed higher on index-linked boying led by higher futures, brokers said. But business was slow. with gaders staying sidelined as yesterday was the last trading day for March delivery of cash stocks.

The 225-share Nikkei average closed up 214.52 points at 20,915.44.

HONG KONG - Stocks closed smartly bigber but off their peaks, boosted by surging index futures on signs of an easing in China-Taiwan tensions after the island's presidential elections on Saturday, players said.

The blue-chip Hang Seng In-dex coded up 85.03 points at 11,111.76.

SYDNEY - The share market closed higher with BHP and CRA dominating turnover but with little else of interest to ensure players stayed awake.

The all ordinaries index closed 10.4 points higher at 2,255.4.

JOHANNESBURG - Shares pushed higher in busy late trade, with golds maintaining strength on the back of a firm bullion price and industrials coming alive oo bullish sentiment.

Dealers aaid the market had undergone a mild correction off its recent highs and underlying strength was starting to emerge. The all-share index put on 45.0 points to 6,735.5, the industrial index was up 38.6 to 8,318.2 and the gold iodex rose 38.4 to

# Bonds boost blue chips

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Renter) - Bluechip stocks sprinted higher yesterday on the back a steep fall in long-term interest rates, but the rally was dampened by a drop in technology shares sparked by fears that the industry may feel the brunt of an expected cut m capital spending.
At 1 p.m. EST, the Dow Jones

industrial average was up 12.64 poiots at 5,649.28 after profittaking emerged in an early morning surge of more than 40 points.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 11-9 on moderate volume of 196 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq composite index, which is laced with technology stocks, was off 7.19 points at 1,095.03.

Until the US switches its clocks for Daylight Savings Time, the Dow Jones results published in the paper will be from 3 p.m. New York

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# Israel in tough test against Croatia today

ISRAEL'S national soccer side faces one of its toughest tests in preparation for the upcoming World Cup qualifying competition when it takes on Croatia in Varazdin this afternoon.

Croatia is a highly rated side which is considered to be a real dark horse at the European Nations'

Championships in England in June. Israel, for is part, will want to put behind it the 4-0 drubbing it suffered at the hands of its hosts when the two sides met in Israel in 1994.

That loss was considered to he one of Israel's worst performances of recent times. The team which left for Croatia yesterday still has the same core of players, although like the Croadans, the visitors will be without two of their most influential players, Ronny Rosenthal and Ronnen Harazi.

Others who bave been left out are Maccabi Haifa goalkeeper Rafi Cohen, who has been overlooked in favor of Golan Malul and Coben's teammate, defender Avishai Janno, who was left behind to give Arik Benado a chance to prove himself.

Malul will share goalkeeping duties with team regular Bonnie Ginsburg.

Two other Israeli squad members left behind are Najwan Grayev and Amir Turjeman who are hoth

Coach Shlomo Scharf hopes that Croaoa, which will be without three of its leading players, will nevertheless be tough enough to simulate the likes of Russia and Bulgaria, both of which Israel will have to

face in the World Cup qualifiers.

Even without forwards Davor Suker and Alen Boksic, who play for Seville and Lazio respectively. and midfielder Zvonimir Boban of AC Milan, the Croatians will be a formidable force with several other players who play for top European clubs.

The Croatians are very confident of success at Euro '96 and have apparently already invited their president, Franjo Tudjman to the final at Wembley

Israel's expected lineup for today's match is: Malul, Felix Halfon, Gadi Brumer, Amir Shelah. Moshe Glam, Alon Hazan, Nir Klinger, Haim Revivo, Eyal Berkowitz, Tal Banin, Hezi Shirazi. ltzik Zohar, Reuven Atar and Bonnie Ginshurg are also certain to be utilized later in the match.



BREAKING THE ICE - Ottawe Senators' Denis Vial (r) lands e punch on Edmonton Oilers' Kelly

# Penguins take over 1st Israel up 2-0 vs. Estonia

NEW YORK (AP) - Sergei Zubov scored twice in a six-goal second period as the Pittsburgh Penguins crushed the New York Rangers 8-2 Sunday night to take over first place in the NHL's Eastern Conference.

**SPORTS** 

The Penguins played without Mario Lemieux, who rested following Saturday night's 7-5 loss to Buffalo. But they didn't need the league's leading scorer as Zubov and Pctr Nedved, two former Rangers traded in the off-season, took up the slack.

Zubov added an assist and Nedved had a goal and four assists as the Penguins extended the Rangers' home-ice winless streak to nine (0-5-4), It is a reversal of form for the Rangers, who had posted a club record-tying 24game unbeaten streak at home

earlier in the season.
Blues 2, Red Wings 2 (OT) Goaliender Grani Fuhr made 37

saves as the hosts tied Detroit, snap-ping the Red Wings nine-game winning streak.

It was the 73rd consecutive start for Fuhr, who is two games shy of tying his own record for most games in a season by a goalie.

Chris Osgood stopped 27 shots for Detroit and extended his unbeaten streak to 20 games.

Wayne Gretzky and Adam
Creighton scored for the Blues.
Gretzky has 15 points in 12 games with the Blues

Oilers 3, Senators 2 Kelly Buchberger got the go-ahead goal with 9:21 left in the game and Edmonton scored three times in the third period to record a home win. The victory kept Edmonton's play-off hopes alive. The Oilers are 10th in

the West, just two points behind Analiein and Winnipeg for the final olavoti berth. Sunday's games: Anaheim 2, Chicago 2; Colorado 5, Winnipeg 2: Edmonton 3, Ottawa 2; Detroit 2, St. Louis 2; Pittsburgh 8, NY

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### Hap J'lem whips Galil RICHARD ZAACKS

HAPOEL Jerusalem beat hosts Hapoel Galil Elyon 73-65 last night to snap the northerners' twogame winning streak.

Jerusalem opened strong, as the overall inside game of Billy Thompson, Hubert Roberts and Norris Coleman dominated the offensive boards to boost the capital squad to a 20-12 advantage

after eight minutes. But sharp shooting from guards
Gil Selah and Mark Craver brought Galil back into the game, as a Craver 3-pointer gave Galil its first lead at 33-30 with three minutes remaining in the half. But Jerusalem retook the lead

immediately and went to the locker rooms with a 38-37 advantage. Galil succeeded in slowing down the pace in the second half. The northerners took the lead at the start of the period and maintained it - by as many as five points - until 3:20 left in the

SASSICAL

Galil used a strong defense to limit the effectiveness of Adi Gordon and Papi Turgeman.

But Coleman and Thompson kept Jerusalem in the game, scoring on several second-chance opportunities.

Coleman gave Jerusalem the lead for good at 58-57 with 3:20 and the managed to raise the lead to 66-58 with one minute to go as Gordon came to life to direct the offense down the stretch.

Galil, however, did not give up and rushed back on five quick points to narrow the gap to 66-63.

But Thompson responded immediately with two free throws and put the game away. For Jerusalem, Coleman had 24

points and Thompson 23. For Galil, Mark Craver had 14, Gur Shelev 12 and Pancho

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### in Federation Cup Smashnova (75) was due to HEATHER CHAIT by the scores of 7-5, 6-1. Although Israel now has an tomorrow's game.

EVEN without Anna Smashnova. the naoooal women's tennis team easily defeated underdogs Estonia on the first day of the Fed Cup Europe/Africa Qualifying Group II Event in Ramat Hasharon yes-

When the matches finally began four hours late due to the rain. Nataly Cahana, 530 in the WTA rankings, smashed Helina Lill 6-1, 6-0. Hila Rosen (335) had a closer first set against Helen Laupa before settling down to win unassailable 2-0 lead and was scheduled for a free day today. Cahana and Tzippi Obziler will return to play the doubles which was delayed when the rain

returned yesterday evening. Israel, the fourth seed, will play Zimbabwe tomorrow, and Macedonia and Luxemhourg on Thursday and Friday respectively.

return last night from tournaments in America and will assume her role as Israel's No. 1 player for Malta completed her games yes-

terday with a 3-0 win against

In the other unfinished matches. third seed Finland is leading Turkey 2-0, Tunisia is up 2-0 against Lichtenstein, Luxembourg has a 1-0 lead over Zimhahwe and Denmark is leading Ireland 1-0.

# Capriati, Graf and Sampras move on at Lipton

KEY BISCAYNE (Reuter) -Unseeded and unranked as of yet in her return to tennis. Jennifer Capriati was tested, but toughed it out for a 6-4, 0-6, 6-1 over 10th-seeded, 15th-ranked Amanda Coetzer of South Africa Sunday at the \$4.1 million Lipton Championships. "It feels great to beat someone ranked liked her and I'm happy 1

did it." said Capriati, who meets fourth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini in the fourth round. "I'm very happy and I'm very excited." Top-seeded Steffi Graf of Germany needed only 66 minutes

to sail through American doubles expert Gigi Fernandez 6-3 6-2 in another third-round match. Second-seeded Pete Sampras

faced a stiff one hour, 25 minute challenge from 42nd-ranked Jakoh Hlasek of Switzerland before taking a 7-5, 7-6(7-31 third-round win. Fourth seed Michael Chang

extended his current win streak to seven matches with a tough victory over Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman

Capristi, who turns 20 years old next week, is hitting her ground-

strokes as heavily as ever. And even when she appeared momentarily tired in the second set, she was able to regroup and dominate

'Never say you're out of it, until you're out of it," Capriati said, "I knew she's quick and I had to be ready to go for every ball. I knew I had to be ready to .. stay out there." By march end, Caprian bad

scored 30 winners, hut had also racked up 55 unforced errors, with a large majority of the errors taking place in the disappointing sec-In the third set, the young

American was unstoppable. She started with a service break compliments of two errors hy Coetzer at deuce - a double fault, followed hy a forehand wide. Her momentum never wavered from that point on as she allowed

time, in the fifth game of the third

Typically at this event, conditions are windy and can play havoc with the hall. Sampras has not been having

the best of years, even though he won titles at San Jose and Memphis. He lost in the third round of the Australian Open to Mark Philippoussis, withdrew from the quarter-finals of Rotterdam in February with a sprained foot and only reached the quarter-finals of Indian Wells, the lead-up tournament to the Lipton.

Although Sampras defeated Hlasek, a player who was considering retirement last summer when his ranking fell to 124, he did not seem on top of his game. "Today wasn't pretry tennis, but

l fought pretty well and hung in there," said Sampras, who meets 16th-seeded Todd Martin in the next round.

### Coctzer to hold serve only one

SCOREBOARD BOWLS - Yesterday's world championships results from Adelaide: Israel's Jeffrey Rabkin beat Douis Calitz of Namibia 25-22 and Malaysia's Zanirun

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

### Please don't play it again, Sam getting old," he explained. "I was

N.Y. Rangers

ARYEH DEAN COHEN HIDE under your bed. Lock up your children. ITV's got a new replay machine, and things just

aren't safe out there. Not safe for self-respecting basketball fans, that is, who were forced to suffer through never-ending replays during last Thursday

night's State Cup coverage. True, the broadcast showed that ITV had made a quantum leap forward in terms of camera work. It's hard to remember the last time we had such close-up coverage of a baskethall game on Channel One. and the hard work paid off in tremendously improved camera angles and an overall impressive job. Of course, one wonders where all this equipment was dur-ing Maccabi's European season. hut hey, let's give credit where credit's due.

However, overkill doesn't even begin to describe the complete overuse of the new Channel One

toys in the broadcast. In seemed as though we got a replay of every basket, spectacular or not, and almost every hoop was accompa-nied by a shot of the reaction of coaches Muli Katzurin and Pini Gersbon, even when they weren't exceptional, either. The special light used to highlight the location of the ball during one of the replays was also unnecessary. An as we've mentioned before, trying to pick up the comments of coaches in the timeout huddles is a useless exercise, resulting only in Western-Union like snippets of the coaches instructions:

"Defense...hig man...pass...foul."
We're thrilled ITV has finally nsed some of our license fee money to buy the new equipment and is finally catching up to Sports Channel in its presentation of baskethall. However, instead of acting like a kid with a new toy. ITV producers should be more selective in choosing which shots to show, and which to leave

While on the subject of leaving things out, now that the end of the season is approaching, ITV should definitely start searching for a color man to replace Prof. Gabi Ben-Dor. There's simply no excuse for calling Hubert Roberts "Roherts Huherts," especially when the veteran Hapoel Jerusalem forward is wearing his last name on his back in English!

as sideline reporter is also needed, especially if Gentel insists on asking dumh questions. With Jerusalem comfortably ahead of Herzliya at the half, Gertel asked Jerusalem captain Adi Gordon: "Are you surprised by your team's performance in the first half," and if he was surprised by the play of Gordon's running-mate, Turgeman. Yeah, like Gordon's going to say: "Yes, Moshe, I thought our team would be losing by 20 at halftime, and Papi's been horrible all year." Get real, Gertel. We can only hope that the technological improvements will also bring the nceded personnel changes as well. Sports Channel's added a new

filler to its schedule which is definitely worth catching: Sportraits, a Transworld production that focuses on famous sports personalities, chronicling their lives.

The most recent episode fea-tured a look at two widely different characters, swimmer Mark Spitz and boxer George Foreman. What's good about the series is that it does more than offer a glorified picture of the athlete.

In Spitz's case, this included a famous quote from Spitz's father: "Swimming isn't everything - winning is," which explained a great deal about Spitz's incredible drive that led to his trying to regain his old form even though he was already in his late 30's. 'What I was trying to do was defy

trying to race with an old engine." Particularly interesting were his which he was criticized for having been whisked out of the Olympic village by American officials afraid of a possible attack on the Jewish Spitz

The portrait of Foreman was even more fun, and not only because we worship Foreman as the God of All Male Athletes Over 40. Foreman readily admitted he was "mugging people" in 1965 before he was "rescued from the gutter" by President Lyndon Johnson's Job Corps program.

Cosell broadcasting Foreman's 1968 Olympic triumph, but the best was Foreman's recollection of his fight against Joe Frazier: "Usually, I would look an opponent in the eyes, and when he low-ered his eyes, I knew I had him. I didn't want Joe Frazier to drop his eyes, cuz if he did, he would've seen my knees shakin'. Thursday at 8:30 pm., Sportraits 1 ooks at tennis legend Evonne (Goolagong) Cawley and hockey's Wayne Gretzky - don't miss

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### **CRITIC'S CHOICE**

### THEATER HELEN KAYE

SHULI Rand plays another of his tortured souls in Hanoch Levin's sardonic Agape, directed by Robert Storua. Levin's world is peopled by interchangeable units scrabbling their way futilely through existence.

In this one Rand is blinded for daring to peek at the queen (Irina Selzenyova), and theo slaughtered. Sometimes you even laugh because letely reality has beggared Levin's prolific imagination. On the maiostage. Cameri (Hebrew with simultaneous transletion into English.)

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

VIOLINIST Hagai Shaham and pianist Arnon Erez present a recital tonight at the

Tel Aviv Museum pleying sonatas by Schubert, Prokofiev, Beethoven and Bartok (8:30). Saturday at the same venue, singer Tal Amir presents a program of Israeli music and Broadway tunes titled From Broadway to Tel Aviv (8:30).

Jonathan Webb leads the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in an all-Haydn program featuring among others, works the 99th Symphony and the C major Oboe Concerto with Joel Lifshitz as soloist. Tomorrow in Ashkelon and Saturday and Sunday in Beersheba at 8:30.

### DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Batsheva Ensemble, the very young and vibrant junior partner to the Dance Company of the same name, presents a mixed program tonight through Thursday at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv (9). The program comprises Jiri Kylian's humoristic yet provocative Six Dances to music by Mozart, Angeline Preljocaj's White Teurs, Noa Dar's Lachrymose and Ohad Naharin's

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The Batsheva Ensemble performs Noa Dar's 'Lacbrymose' at the Suzanne Delial Center in Tel Aviv.

### TELEVISION

### RUTH KERN

OSCAR-ed out? After all the glitz and gowns, perhaps you're in the mood for a movie that is small, off-the-wall and boasts no major stars. No. not Babe - the tale of the talking pig who thinks he's a sheepdog - which hasn't opened here yet. For the perfect antidote to Hollywood humbug, tune in to Jordan Television at 11:25 p.m. for Harold and Maude.

Just two letters separate an erotically charged "older woman" from a dried-up "old woman," and the film's sometimes discomforting comic charge grows out of its refusal to accept that distinction. In one of her typical blithely dotty performances, Ruth Gordon plays a 79-year-old free spirit who comes to the emotional rescue of Bud Cort, a pasty, suicide-obsessed manchild of 20. When they finally bed down together, Harold celebrates by blowing soap bubbles.

In some ways the 1972 film is probably as dated as its whimsical Flower Power ethos, but its heart is still true. Watch for the darkly humorous series of faked deaths, and listen for (the pre-Islamic) Cat Stevens's soundtrack.

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### **TELEVISION**

WHAT'S ON

### CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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15:30 Zap to 1 18:20 Juvenile Court 18:59 A New Evening 17:34 News In English 17:50 Friendly soccer match between letael and Croatia 18:45 News in Arabic 19:00 Second half of soccer match relayed live from Croatia 19:45 Special marathon broadcast on the Likud primaries anchored by Chaim Yavin 20:50 Live Lotto draw 20:55 Likud primaries continued 00:30 Verse of the Day

### ■ CHANNEL 2

7:00 Special news round-up of the Labor Party primaries 8:30 Cartoons 9:00 Happily Ever After – selection of perennially popular fables for children 9:30 The Chewing Gum Forces – Israeli musical comedy about e group of children who dream of creating e country just for children where candy grows on trees 10:30 Tevye and His Seven Daughters (1968, Israeli) – based on Sholem Aleichem'e wellbased on Sholem Aleichem'e welloved tale. Shmuel Rodensky stars in the title role. (120 mins.) 13:00 Sugar and Spice 14:00 Open-Cards – young people's talk show 15:00 Disney cartoone 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 First Love – romentic game show for youngsters 18:00 Ruby – human interest interview show 19:00 Lingo – TV game show 19:30 Special extended news show 19:30 Special extended news broadcast 20:25 Ramat Aviv Gimmel 21:05 Gov Night - comedy 22:00 llana Dayan special in conjunction with Channel 2 news team - The Likud Primaries 1:00 Poem of the day

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15:00 Captain Planet - cartoon 15:30 Johnny Quest 15:25 Iris the Happy Pmfessor - cartoon 16:00 Bob Morrison 16:40 Scientific Eye – docu-mentary 17:10 TAO – drama 18:00 French programs 20:30 News head-lines 20:35 Thunder Alley 21:00 Clive Anderson 22:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 22:10 Harry - drama 23:00 News in English 23:25 Harold and

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### **■ ITV 3 (33)**

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Royal Tears 18:30 From Day to Day - chat show 19:00 News in Arabic 18:30 International magazine on the arts 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Outstanding Creations 21:00 Blah Blah - joint radio and TV chat show 22:00 Showcase 22:30 Cinema mag-azine 00:00 Closedown

### ■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Cape Rebel 17:00 Gulliver's Travels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Jews of North Africa in colonial times 18:30 Second Thoughts 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Beginnings 20:00 A New Evening (with Russiam subtitles) 20:30 Preparation for Bagrut 21:00 Female Perspective – weekly magazine hosted by Orli Yaniv 21:30 To Dance with the Devil – how some of the extremist Christian cults in America view the world 22:30 Moses in Jewish tradition

### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 WKRP in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Penry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210 21:40 Cadillac Girls (1993) — A widowed mother and 18-year-old daughter go to a quiet Northern town. The daughter tales drastic measures in order to stay. Starring Jennifer Deal, Adam Beach and Gregory Harrison 23:10 Sapphire - Israeli drama series 23:20 Med About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots Landing

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10:30 Metropolitan (1990) - young, rich and bored in New York (94 mins.) (pt) 12:05 Short Film 12:20 Inspector General (1949) - an adaptation of Gogofs short story; with Denny; Kaye (102,mins.) (rpt) J4:10.Sinbad (1963) — animated version of Arabian Nights classic (81 mins.) (rpt) 15:35 The Three Musketeers (1974) 17:20 Melvin Purvis (1974) (rpt) 18:35 Kitty Dodde Story (1993) — a woman kits Dodds Story (1993) - a woman kills her abusive husband, runs away from prison to start 8 new life, but is put-sued by her past (92 mins.) 20:15 Vantage Point — action series 21:00 Viper (1993) — Travis is asked by the woman who left him for his brother to come back and save him. He cannot refuse, but is she telling the truth? (85 mins.) 22:30 Highlander II (1991) -

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### ■ CHILDREN (6)

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### SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Mommie Dearest (1981) — Frank Perry's cult film about the life of film-star Joan Crawford's adopted daughters, raised with a harrowing mix of luxury and emotional abuse. Starring Faye Dunaway. (124 mins.) 23:55 The Star (1952) — An aging Hollywood star must deal with the end of her career and the loss of her of her career and the loss of her money. Staming Bette Davis, with Natalie Wood, Sterling Hayden and Warner Anderson. (90 mins.)

### ■ DISCOVERY (8)

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### SUPER CHANNEL

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### EUROSPORT

10:30 Bicycle Racing (rpt) 12:00 Fast World - Motor Sports Magazine 14:00 Eurogoal: Soccer 15:00 Auto Racing 16:00 ATP Tennis Tennis 18:00 Tournament: summary 18:00
Weightlifting: World Cup from Finland
(mt) 19:00 The Strong Man from
Germany (mt) 20:00 Motorcycle
Racing 21:00 ATP Tennis
Tournament – live 00:20 Eurosport
Magazine 00:30 Snocker: European
League, 1996 1:00 Sport Magazine

### PRIME SPORTS

6:00 College Basketball, Denver Finals (West) 8:00 College Basketball, Lexington Finals (Southwest) 10:00 Baseball Magazine 10:30 Soccer: Asia Cup, Majaysia vs Indonesia 12:30 PGA Golf Tournament 14:30 Futbol Mondial 15:00 Golf: from the Opens in Portugal 16:00 International Motor Sports Magazine 17:00 Cricket 17:30 Cricket: West Indies vs New Zealand live 1:30 Golf: from the Opens in Portugal

### **M** BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 Asia Today News on the hour 6:00 Asia 100ay 7:05 Panorama 11:15 Panorama (pt) 12:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World (pt) 13:00 International Business News 15:15 The Money Programme (pt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia & Pacific News 17:25 The Andrew Neil Show 18:15 Panorama (mt) 16:00 Ecod and Drink (pt) 20:16 (nt) 19:30 Food and Drink (nt) 20:15 World Business Report 20:30 Time Out: Film '96 (nt) 23:05 Panorama (nt) 00:30 The Clothes Show 1:00 International Business News

### IL CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:00 World News 6:30 Showbiz Today 7:30 Inside Politics 9:30 Moneyline (rpt) 10:30 World Report 11:30 The Today Show 12:30 CNN Newsroom 13:30 World Report 14:00 Business Dey 15:00 Business Asia 15:30 World Sport 16:00 Asia News 16:30 World Sport 16:00 Asia News 16:30 World Sport 16:00 Asia News 16:30
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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 A.

### W VOICE OF MUSIC

Scarlatti: Cantata; Haydn: Symphony no 42 (Tafelmusik); Brahms: Piano quintet in F minor op 34; Ravel: Daphnis et Chloe (Berlin PO/Boulez); Zemlinsky: Ballades for piano 12:00 Light Classical – works by Beethoven: Leonora overture no 2; Romance no 1 in G op 40, Romance no 2 in F op 50; Rondo in B flat for plano 13:00 Planist Evgeny Kissin – Prokofiev: Plano concerto no 3 (with Moscow. PO); ... Shostakovich: Concerto in C for plano, trumpet and critical furth Moscow Video 14:05 Concerto in C for piano, trumpet and strings (with Moscow, Virtuosi), 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Harnutal Ataria (mezzosoprano), Naomi Lev (piano). Songs by Britten, Barber, Kurt Weill, Sondheim, Gershwin and others 16:00 My Concert – with Yisrael Shahak 18:00 New CDs – Haydri Trio in B minor for piano, violin and cello Hob. 12, Trio in in E flat for piano, violin and cello Hob. 28; Dvorak: Slavonic Dances, op 46 and 72 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls - Senfl: Mass for Emperor Maximilian I 22:00 A Musical Journey

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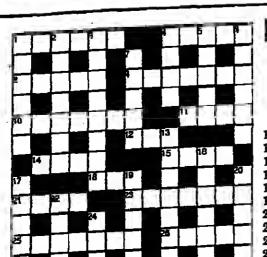
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# Diplomats urge steady flow of goods to Gaza

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

DIPLOMATS from several couotries yesterday urged Israel to ensure that goods or raw materials can enter Gaza regularly, so that ao interoational emergeocy plao to provide short-term employment assistance to the Palestinians there will oot be stifled.

In resposse, Foreign Ministry officials said more would be done to facilitate the movement of goods.

"There has to be a revision of Israeli procedures for getting goods into Gaza. Otherwise. oothing the donors dn will amount to anything," a US diplomat warned.

The plao to at least partially alleviate the economic effects of the closure is needed, since the operatiog assumption is that it will remain in force at least until after the elections on May 29, several officials indicated.

There are different estimates for the scope and timing of the project. US officials said they expect 20,000 jobs will be created within the next few weeks in public works, agriculture, and private industry. Others say 30,000 jobs can be created, but insist it will take a few mooths.

The focus is oo Gaza instead of the West Bank because the unemployment there is considered more acute.

UN special coordinator for the territories Dr. Terie Larseo said last week that the UN would coordinate a \$100 million emergeocy emplnyment package.

Norway acconunced yesterday that it would cootribute \$10 million dollars. Japan is also expected in make a new contribution.

Foreign Ministry officials said Israel has yet to be asked to contribute a specific sum to the emergency fuod, even though Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the cabinet last week that Israel

Discussions about revising procedures at the Karni crossing were discussed in a meeting be-

tweeo Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir, Finance Ministry Director-Geogral David Brodet, deputy coordinator of activities in the territories Brig.-Geo. Baruch Spiegel, Larseo, and US Ambassador Martin lodyk.

Diplomats representing the rotaong leadership of the European Unioo also met with Savir.

Westero diplomats said that Palestiniao unemployment bas iocreased since Israel has reduced the 3,000 tons of cemeot oormally allowed into Gaza every day by 90 perceot, paralyzing the coostruction industry which employs 23,000.

Israel has said the delays are due to security iospectioos of trucks, thereby fueling speculation that Israel will sharply increase the oumber of inspectors avaílable,

The Palestinian Authority. meanwhile, plans to deduct 5 percent from its employees' wages to fued new jobs for thousands of Palestinians, an official said vesterday.

Mohammed Jaradeb, uodersecretary in the Finance Ministry, said the measure was part nf a broader initiative to help cope with increasingly difficult economic conditions,

Jaradeh said the salary deduction decisioo affected some 50,000 civil servants and policemen and could raise up to \$3 million, which will be invested io creating jobs for up to 30,000 unemployed Palestinians oo a rotat-

It was the first time the PA has asked its civil servants and police to take a salary cut in help the uoemployed. Jaradeh said average wages were around \$600.

Baoks, universities and the United Nations Relief and Wnrks Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) have also agreed to make deductions from their emplnyees in-help the scheme, Jara-

# Peres still believes in 'new Middle East'

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

SOME 300 of the world's leading journalists and media executives, meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. found Prime Minister Shimon Peres still able to discern a new Middle East through the smoke nf the recent suicide bombings.

Peres told the loternational Press Institute world enngress that the PLO and the 13 Arab countries who had participated io the Sharm e-Sheikh conference had takeo a stand against terrorism iocooceivable only twn or three years ago.

"I remain optimistic that by the end of the century, in another four years, the Middle East will see peace," be said. "There is no better alternative for the Arabs and oone for us."

Peres, however, uncharacteristically etched a grey lining to his silver cloud by pointing to the efforts of the fundamentalist movement, headed by Irao, to

obtain a nuclear option. If the fundameotalists succeed in obtaining the ultimate weapon and get themselves better organized, he said, "we shall have a problem incomparable to any known in history.

The coogress was initially inteoded to be held on alternate days in Jerusalem and Jerichn, with the Israeli and Palestinian views of the Middle East peace process affered. IPI director Jnhann Fritz said that the Palestinians, after accepting this arrangement, reversed themselves and insisted that the Palestinian venue be shifted from Jerichn to east

"We firmly believe that the Palestinians missed nnt on an impartant apportunity to present their own evaluation of the peace process to an international gathering of the world's leading me-



**NEWS** 

Minister Yossi Beilin and Jardanian Planning Minister Rima Khalaf appear at a press conference at the Prime Ministry in Amman yesterday. After talks with Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Abdel-Karim Kabariti, Beilin said a political settlement between Israel and Hamas was now impossible, but added that "the closure will not go on forever."

mir verdict, sentencing tomorrow

TEL AVIV District Court will issue its verdict and seotence tomorrow in the trial of Yigal Amir, confessed assassin of prime minister

In most trials sentencing takes place several days after the verdict, giving both the prosecutioo and defense time to present arguments which may influence the punishment.

RAINE MARCUS

The defense may produce character witnesses for senteocing, but Amir's lawvers are oot expected to summon any since they cannot influence the mandatory life sentence for murder. While testifying. Amir canfessed several

times to the premeditated murder of Rabin,

and in the absence of an insanity plea, Indges Edmood Levy, Saviyona Rotlevy, and Oded and ten of clubs. Mudrich must pass a life sentence.

The hearing will be beamed to nine video screens in the court library to enable reporters, photographers, and others to see the trial. This is the first time such a screening will be

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### Israeli official: Pollard didn't throw me out

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE first Israeli official to visit imprisoned Jonathan Pollard called yesterday's Ma'ariv report that claimed Pollard threw him out just after their meeting began on Sunday "inaccurate."

Speaking from the Atlanta consulate-general, Eitan Sirkus-Almog said their meeting at the federal prison in Butner, North Carolina, went on for an hour and that he was not the source for

Israeli embassy officials also disputed the account, saying the meeting was cooducted in a "gnnd, appropriate atmnsphere." "No one requested that he leave," the official said. "The facts are that they spoke for an

Pullard had "many questions and requests" during the meeting, he added, but neither Sirkus-Almog nor the embassy official would reveal anything of the substance of the meeting. Israeli nfficials will meet with Pollard again, although who and wheo have yet tn he determioed, the nfficial

Prime Minister Shimoo Peres raised the Pollard case during President Bill Cliotoo's visit to Israel twn weeks agn, and Ambassador US Itamar Rahinnvich is "very active" nn Pollard's behalf, the nfficial said.

However, Pnllard's father Mnrris said yesterday that while he did not know of the meeting, the Israeli government "took the easy way nut" hy not sending Rabinovich to visit. "Io some ways, I would take this as an insult."

### Rescue workers: Iran's Jews may pay for criticism workers in a quandary. They MARILYN HENRY

AN Americao Jewish immigratinn ageocy bas jeopardized the Jewish community in Iran by spotlighting the Islamic state, rescue workers from the US charge,

Rescue workers also said the agency, the Hehrew Immigraot Aid Society, allowed the threat against Jews in Iran to be overstated to bolster its own survival. The agency rejected thuse

"HIAS doesn't need to do things [like this] to keep itself said Norman Tilles, the president of HIAS, adding that the agency has been nperating for

115 years. Last mnoth, an Iranian Jewish immigrant to the US related to the Congress a harrowing stnry nf fear, terror and imprisonment. His testimnoy was arranged by HIAS amid the legislative dehates oo American immigratioo policy.

The Iranian, ideotified by the pseudooym Shahio Ahkazian. was sn afraid of the Teherao

government's possible retribution that he declined to appear in public. Tilles read Abkazian's testimany into the record of the International Relations Committee's suhenmmittee an human

The bearing was arranged by the subcommittee chairman. Republican Cnogressman Christopher Smith.

When Representative Smith says, 'Tell me about the persecution of the Jews,' should we leave out Iran, where Jews are being persecuted?" Tilles asked.

Martin Wenick, the executive director of HIAS, said that when the hearing was being planned. oo Jewish organizatioos raised objections to the Iraniao

Abkazian's story was reported last week by the Jewish Telegraphic Ageocy and is expected to he published this week hy American Jewisb newspapers.

In the past, the emigration of Jews fram distressed nations, such as Syria and Ethiopia, has been kept under wraps until the Jews were freed.

"When we talk about these issues we are on the horns of a dilemma," said Tilles. It is a choice between identifying the problem or remaining mum because exposure might cause tron-hie, Tilles said, defending HIAS's decision in publicize the plight of Iranian Jews. "We did what we thought was best in our judgment."

No nne has disputed Ahkazian's testimony, hut rescoe wnrkers, who declined to be named, were aggrieved that a single statement was used to paint an alarming picture.

That view also pot rescue

were quick to say that Iran was to be vilified for its support of terrorism and for its nuclear program. However, they cautioned, the Jewish community in Iran was fairly well treated, and they took exception to Abkazian's statement that "the Jewish community is being gradually excluded from any possibility of further existence in Iran."

An estimated 18,000 Jews remain in Iran, roughly one-fifth of the community that existed before the exodus began a dozen years ago. They have been maintaining active syoagngues and Jewish schools, medical centers and an old-age home with the encouragement of the Iranian authnrities, according to reports reaching New York.

HIAS also overstepped its bounds when it announced that it was processing between 20 and 30 Iraniao Jews a month, rescue workers said, noting that emigration from Iran was dangerous.

# Report: Hizbullah unswayed by Syrian pressure

HIZBULLAH yesterday vnwed to cnotioue its attacks against IDF and South Lebanese Army targets inside the security zooe, despite reports of pressure from Syria and the Lebanese government no it to curb activities at least until after the elections in Israel.

The Beirut daily As-Safir had earlier quoted snurces close to Lebanese President Elias Hrawi as saying that Beirut, Damascus, and Tel Aviv had agreed in US proposals to keep the situation calm - and help Prime Minister Shimon Peres in the elections.

Other oewspapers reported that America

had wanted to amend the July 1993 Operation Accountability understandings to put a ban on all fighting in the region, but this was rejected hy Syria.

instead, said the reports, the US had proposed a "period of tranquility" in return for Israel agreeing to refrain from launching any major operation against Hizbullah.

Hizbullah's answer to the reports came yesterday. As-Safir qunted a seoior Hizbullah source as saying there had not been any con-

tacts between the organization and either Syrian or Lebanese officials.

"These reports are mere illusions - wishful thinking oo the part of the Americans and the Israelis," the source was quoted as saying. "Why should the Syrians or ourselves be

concerned about Peres's election campaign? The resistance will continue and what will bappen on the ground will prove whether I am right or wrong. The resistance will not change. "Everything you hear is a political cover-up to justify Israel's inability to launch an operation that would be very expensive for it."

dia representatives," he said.

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